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Feb. 17: Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

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SOUTHWEST ASIA - On Feb. 16, U.S. and Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria, using fighter and bomber aircraft to conduct six airstrikes. Separately, U.S. and Coalition military forces conducted eight airstrikes in Iraq, using attack and fighter aircraft against ISIL terrorists. All strikes took place between 8 a.m., Feb. 16, and 8 a.m. Feb. 17, local time.

The following is a summary of the strikes conducted since the last press release:

Syria

* Near Kobani, six airstrikes destroyed eight ISIL fighting positions, an ISIL checkpoint and an ISIL vehicle.

Iraq

* Near Al Asad, two airstrikes struck an ISIL large tactical unit, an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed four ISIL buildings and two ISIL heavy machine guns.

* Near Al Qaim, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL checkpoint.

* Near Kirkuk, an airstrike destroyed two ISIL fighting positions.

* Near Mosul, two airstrikes destroyed an ISIL mortar position and an ISIL fighting position.

* Near Sinjar, an airstrike struck an ISIL mortar position.

* Near Tal Afar, an airstrike struck an ISIL large tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL buildings.

Airstrike assessments are based on initial reports. All aircraft returned to base safely.

The strikes were conducted as part of Operation Inherent Resolve, the operation to eliminate the ISIL terrorist group and the threat they pose to Iraq, Syria, the region, and the wider international community. The destruction of ISIL targets in Syria and Iraq further limits the terrorist group's ability to project terror and conduct operations. Coalition nations which have conducted airstrikes in Iraq include the U.S., Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. Coalition nations which have conducted airstrikes in Syria include the U.S., Bahrain, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.



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