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## Dec. 15: Military airstrikes continue against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq

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**SOUTHWEST ASIA** - U.S. and partner nation military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria Dec. 13-15 using fighter and bomber aircraft to conduct nine airstrikes. Separately, U.S. and partner nation military forces conducted nine airstrikes in Iraq Dec. 13-15 using fighter, bomber, attack, and remotely-piloted aircraft against the ISIL terrorists.

In Syria, eight airstrikes near Kobani destroyed nine ISIL fighting positions, two ISIL buildings, two ISIL staging positions and also struck another ISIL fighting position. Near abu-Kamal, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL vehicle.

In Iraq, three airstrikes near Mosul destroyed an ISIL fighting position and struck three tactical ISIL units and suppressed an ISIL heavy machine gun position. Near Sinjar, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL compound and struck a second ISIL compound. Near Hit, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL vehicle, a trailer and an excavator. Near al-Qaim, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL excavator. Near Ramadi, an airstrike struck two ISIL vehicles. Near Samarra, an airstrike struck a tactical ISIL unit. Near Kirkuk, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL vehicle and bunker and struck an ISIL tactical unit.

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

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, 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 conducting airstrikes in Iraq include the U.S., Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Coalition Nations conducting airstrikes in Syria include the U.S., Bahrain, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.



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