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Dec. 10: Military airstrikes continue against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq

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SOUTHWEST ASIA - U.S. military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria Dec 8-10 using fighter and bomber aircraft to conduct seven airstrikes. Separately, U.S. and partner nation military forces conducted 13 airstrikes in Iraq Dec. 8-10 using fighter, attack, and remotely-piloted aircraft against the ISIL terrorists.

In Syria, seven airstrikes near Kobani destroyed five ISIL fighting positions and struck three other ISIL fighting positions and a large ISIL unit.

In Iraq, four airstrikes near Sinjar destroyed four ISIL-occupied buildings, three ISIL storage containers and two ISIL fighting positions and also struck an ISIL guard tower. Near al-Qaim, three airstrikes destroyed an ISIL storage container and an ISIL armored vehicle, and also struck two ISIL bunkers, two ISIL armored vehicles and two ISIL armored personnel carriers. Near Ramadi, two airstrikes destroyed an ISIL armored vehicle and a heavy weapon, and also struck a tactical ISIL unit. Near Mosul, two airstrikes destroyed two ISIL-occupied buildings, an ISIL bunker and struck a tactical ISIL unit. Near Samarra, an airstrike destroyed two ISIL vehicles and struck a tactical ISIL unit. Near Kirkuk, an airstrike struck a tactical ISIL 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.

