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July 2: Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

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SOUTHWEST ASIA – Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq July 1. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted 10 airstrikes using attack, bomber and fighter aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 18 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

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

Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, six airstrikes struck three ISIL tactical units and two ISIL antennas, destroying four ISIL vehicles, three ISIL bunkers, an ISIL structure and an ISIL building.
- Near Kobani, two airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying two ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Tal Abyad, two airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying three ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL structure.

Iraq

- Near Al Huwayjah, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying two ISIL heavy machine guns and an ISIL building.
- Near Fallujah, three airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying nine ISIL fighting positions, an ISIL recoilless rifle, an ISIL mortar system, an ISIL tunnel system and an ISIL cave.
- Near Habbaniyah, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL mortar systems and an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Haditha, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL vehicle and an ISIL structure.
- Near Makhmur, one airstrike struck an ISIL heavy machine gun.
- Near Mosul, four airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, two ISIL mortar firing positions and an ISIL fighting position, destroying an ISIL building and an ISIL VBIED.
- Near Rawah, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and an ISIL bulldozer.
- Near Sinjar, four airstrikes struck three ISIL staging areas and an ISIL heavy machine gun, destroying 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 Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Jordan, Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States. Coalition nations which have conducted airstrikes in Syria include Bahrain, Canada, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and the U.S.



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