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May 1: 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 between 8 a.m., April 30, and 8 a.m., May 1, local time. In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 11 airstrikes using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft. Separately in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted seven airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

“The Coalition continues its commitment to defeating Daesh with airstrikes, surveillance, intelligence, advise and assist elements, and Build Partner Capacity trainers in Iraq and Syria, which enables Iraqi and Kurdish forces to counter Daesh, reestablish the border, retake lost terrain and restore stability and security,” said Col. Wayne Marotto, CJTF-OIR Chief of Public Affairs.

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

Syria

Near Al Hasakah, four airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying two ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL excavator.

Near Dayr Az Zawr, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL vehicle.

Near Kobani, six airstrikes struck an ISIL large and three small tactical units, destroying seven ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL vehicle.

Iraq

Near Bayji, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying two ISIL fighting positions.

Near Fallujah, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL fighting position.

Near Mosul, an airstrike struck an ISIL defensive position.

Near Ramadi, three airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units, destroying an ISIL fighting position, and an ISIL resupply cache.

Near Tal Afar, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying an ISIL vehicle.

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 U.S.



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