

Combined Joint Task Force

Operation Inherent Resolve

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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On March 22, Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria, using fighter and bomber aircraft to conduct eight airstrikes. Separately in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted six airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense, using fighter aircraft against ISIL terrorists. All strikes took place between 8 a.m., March 22, and 8 a.m., March 23, local time.

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

 Near Kobani, eight airstrikes struck four ISIL tactical units and destroyed 12 ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL vehicle.

Iraq

- Near Mosul, an airstrike destroyed two ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Ramadi, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Rawah, an airstrike struck an ISIL trailer.
- Near Sinjar, two airstrikes struck an ISIL staging area and an ISIL tactical unit.
- Near Tal Afar, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL excavator.

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 U.S. Coalition nations which have conducted airstrikes in Syria include Bahrain, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and U.S.