

Combined Joint Task Force

Operation Inherent Resolve

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Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq

SOUTHWEST ASIA – On Feb. 18, U.S. and Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria, using attack, fighter, bomber and remotely piloted aircraft to conduct seven airstrikes. Separately, U.S. and Coalition military forces conducted eight airstrikes in Iraq, using attack and fighter aircraft against ISIL terrorists. All strikes took place between 8 a.m., Feb. 18, and 8 a.m. Feb. 19, local time.

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

Syria

- Near Al Hasakah, two airstrikes struck multiple ISIL oil pump jacks and destroyed an ISIL checkpoint.
- Near Kobani, five airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units and destroyed eight ISIL fighting positions and two ISIL checkpoints.

Iraq

- Near Al Asad, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL mortar tube.
- Near Bayji, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed three ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Hit in Al Anbar Province, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, an ISIL weapons storage and staging area and destroyed an ISIL building.
- Near Kirkuk, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL armored vehicle.
- Near Mosul, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Tal Afar, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, an ISIL fighting position and destroyed three 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 the U.S., Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. Coalition nations which have conducted airstrikes in Syria include the U.S., Bahrain, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.

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