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# Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

**SOUTHWEST ASIA-** On Jan. 23, coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted seven strikes using fighter, attack, ground-attack, and remotely piloted aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 16 strikes coordinated with and in support of the Government of Iraq using attack, ground-attack, fighter, and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets.

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

### **Syria**

- Near Ayn Isa, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed two ISIL structures and an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Al Hasakah, two strikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL building and an ISIL weapons cache.
- Near Al Hawl, two strikes destroyed an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Ar Raggah, one strike struck an ISIL weapons storage area.
- Near Mar'a, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL vehicle, an ISIL heavy machine gun, and two ISIL fighting positions.

#### Iraq

- Near Al Baghdadi, one strike denied ISIL access to terrain.
- Near Kisik, two strikes destroyed seven ISIL assembly areas.
- Near Mosul, three strikes struck two ISIL tactical units and destroyed five ISIL fighting positions and denied ISIL access to terrain.
- Near Ramadi, six strikes struck two separate ISIL tactical units and destroyed four ISIL staging areas, an ISIL vehicle, an ISIL fuel tank, and denied ISIL access to terrain.
- Near Sinjar, one strike destroyed four ISIL fighting positions.
- Near Sultan Abdallah, one strike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL staging area.

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- Near Tal Afar, one strike suppressed an ISIL mortar position.
- Near Bayji, one strike destroyed an ISIL petroleum, oil, and lubricant cache.

Strike assessments are based on initial reports. All aircraft returned to base safely.

A strike, as defined in the CJTF releases, means one or more kinetic events that occur in roughly the same geographic location to produce a single, sometimes cumulative effect for that location. So having a single aircraft deliver a single weapon against a lone ISIL vehicle is one strike, but so is multiple aircraft delivering dozens of weapons against a group of buildings and vehicles and weapon systems in a compound, for example, having the cumulative effect of making that facility (or facilities) harder or impossible to use. Accordingly, CJTF-OIR does not report the number or type of aircraft employed in a strike, the number of munitions dropped in each strike, or the number of individual munition impact points against a target.

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, and the wider international community.

The destruction of ISIL targets in Syria and Iraq further limits the group's ability to project terror and conduct operations. Coalition nations which have conducted strikes in Iraq include Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Jordan, Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Coalition nations which have conducted strikes in Syria include Australia, Bahrain, Canada, France, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.