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### Operation Inherent Resolve

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# Military Strikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** – On Jan. 13, Coalition military forces conducted 22 strikes against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, Coalition military forces conducted 15 strikes using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets. Additionally in Iraq, Coalition military forces conducted seven strikes coordinated with and in support of the government of Iraq using attack, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL targets.

#### Syria

- Near Ar Raqqah, 13 strikes engaged five ISIL tactical units; destroyed four fighting positions, three VBIEDs, three tactical vehicles, a command and control node, a tunnel, an oil tanker truck, a front-end loader; and damaged three supply routes.
- Near Dayr Ar Zawr, two strikes destroyed three oil wellheads.

#### Iraq

- Near Haditha, one strike destroyed a bunker.
- Near Kirkuk, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a tunnel.
- Near Mosul, four strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit; destroyed four fighting positions, two heavy
  machine guns, two watercraft, an ISIL headquarters building, a VBIED; and damaged eight supply
  routes.
- Near Sinjar, one strike destroyed a mortar system and a fighting position.

### Not previously reported

 Near Mosul, Iraq, Jan. 12, 2017, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a fighting position.

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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 information used to compile the daily strike releases is based on 'Z' or Greenwich Mean Time.

Ground-based artillery fired in counter-fire or in fire support to maneuver roles are not classified as a strike as defined by CJTF-OIR.

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, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Coalition nations which have conducted strikes in Syria include Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Denmark, France, Jordan, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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