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# Aug. 16: Military airstrikes continue against ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq

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**SOUTHWEST ASIA** - On Aug. 15, coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted seven airstrikes using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 15 airstrikes coordinated with the government of Iraq using attack, bomber, fighter, fighter-attack 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 Al Hasakah, three airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed six ISIL fighting positions, three ISIL bunkers and two ISIL excavators.
- \* Near Aleppo, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit.
- \* Near Ayn Isa, two airstrikes struck two ISIL tactical units and an ISIL resupply vehicle.
- \* Near Kobani, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed three ISIL fighting positions.

## Iraq

- \* Near Al Qaim, one airstrike struck an ISIL staging facility.
- \* Near Bayji, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL VBIED.
- \* Near Fallujah, four airstrikes struck land features denying ISIL a tactical advantage and destroyed two ISIL buildings, an ISIL VBIED, two ISIL heavy machine guns and an ISIL obstruction.
- \* Near Habbaniyah, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed three ISIL vehicles and an ISIL fighting position.
- \* Near Makhmur, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL mortar tube and an ISIL vehicle.
- \* Near Mosul, four airstrikes struck three ISIL tactical units and destroyed 10 ISIL excavators, six ISIL fighting positions, an ISIL anti-aircraft artillery piece, an ISIL heavy machine gun and an ISIL vehicle.
- \* Near Ramadi, two airstrikes struck one large and one small ISIL tactical units and destroyed seven ISIL buildings and an ISIL fighting position.
- \* Near Sinjar, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed four ISIL fighting positions.

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 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 airstrikes in Iraq include Australia, 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 the U.S.





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