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June 19: Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL Terrorists in Syria and Iraq

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SOUTHWEST ASIA – Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria and Iraq June 18. In Syria, coalition military forces conducted 11 airstrikes using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft. Separately in Iraq, coalition military forces conducted 13 airstrikes approved by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense using attack, bomber, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists.

“Overnight, the coalition continued to strike Daesh crude oil collection points in Syria,” said Brig. Gen. Thomas Weidley, CJTF-OIR chief of staff. “Attacking Daesh revenue generation activities remains a priority for the coalition.”

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

Syria

- Near Ar Raqqa, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying two ISIL vehicles.

Iraq

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

- Near Al Hasakah, one airstrike struck an ISIL weapons manufacturing building.
- Near Dayr Az Zawr, four airstrikes struck three ISIL crude oil collection points.
- Near Tal Abyad, five airstrikes struck four ISIL tactical units, destroying two ISIL fighting positions, an ISIL vehicle, an ISIL heavy machine gun and an ISIL mortar system.
- Near Al Huwayjah, two airstrikes struck land features denying ISIL a tactical advantage, destroying an ISIL weapons cache.
- Near Bayji, two airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying three ISIL bunkers and an ISIL fighting position.
- Near Fallujah, two airstrikes destroyed an ISIL fighting position, an ISIL heavy machine gun and an ISIL vehicle.
- Near Makhmur, one airstrike struck an ISIL staging area.
- Near Mosul, five airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, an ISIL rocket firing position and an ISIL structure, destroying an ISIL excavator, an ISIL fighting position, an ISIL rocket and an ISIL tank.
- Near Sinjar, one airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit, destroying three ISIL heavy machine guns and four ISIL structures.



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