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## U.S.-led forces carry out another 21 airstrikes in Iraq, Syria

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**USPA News** - U.S.-led forces have carried out another 21 airstrikes against Islamic State (ISIS) targets in Iraq and Syria, the Combined Joint Task Force says in a statement. The airstrikes were carried out between Monday morning and Tuesday morning.

Most of the airstrikes were carried out in Syria, including 10 that struck near Al Hasakah. A statement issued by the Combined Joint Task Force is copied below. STARTS Military Airstrikes Continue Against ISIL in Syria and Iraq SOUTHWEST ASIA - On Feb. 23, U.S. and Coalition military forces continued to attack ISIL terrorists in Syria, using attack, fighter, bomber and remotely piloted aircraft to conduct 16 airstrikes. Separately, U.S. and Coalition military forces conducted five airstrikes in Iraq, using attack, fighter and remotely piloted aircraft against ISIL terrorists. All strikes took place between 8 a.m., Feb. 23, and 8 a.m., Feb. 24, local time. The following is a summary of the strikes conducted since the last press release: Syria Near Al Hasakah, 10 airstrikes struck nine ISIL tactical units and destroyed two ISIL vehicles. Near Kobani, six airstrikes struck an ISIL large tactical unit, three ISIL tactical units, two ISIL fighting positions and destroyed three ISIL fighting positions, an ISIL checkpoint and an ISIL vehicle. Iraq Near Al Asad, three airstrikes struck an ISIL tactical unit, an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL IED location. Near Fallujah, an airstrike destroyed an ISIL heavy machine gun. Near Hit in Al Anbar Province, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit. As a correction to yesterday's airstrike press release, the following strikes took place between 8 a.m., Feb. 22, and 8 a.m., Feb. 23, local time. These airstrikes were inadvertently omitted from yesterday's release. Near Al Asad, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit. Near Al Hasakah, an airstrike struck an ISIL tactical unit. 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 ENDS.

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