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Coalition airstrikes degrade ISIL freedom of movement in Syria

SYRIA – Coalition Forces successfully engaged multiple targets throughout the ISIL stronghold of ar-Raqqah which have severely constricted terrorist freedom of movement. Sixteen airstrikes were conducted on 4 July, destroying vital ISIL-controlled structures and transit routes in Syria.

The operation focused on mobility corridors used by ISIL to project their fighters and military equipment, and to destabilize the region. These airstrikes, combined with ground force activity throughout northern Syria, are increasing the pressure on ISIL. This pressure comes on the heels of ISIL ceding over 5000 square kilometers of territory to Anti-ISIL forces over the past two months.

Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve spokesperson Lt. Col. Thomas Gilleran said the disruption of these transport and communication routes in ISIL's self-proclaimed Syrian capital were conducted with precision and with the intent to maximize the impacts on ISIL.

"The significant airstrikes tonight were executed to deny Daesh the ability to move military capabilities throughout Syria and into Iraq," said Gilleran. "This was one of the largest deliberate engagements we have conducted to date in Syria, and it will have debilitating effects on Daesh's ability to move from ar-Raqqah."

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