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Airpower Summary for July 17

SOUTHWEST ASIA - Coalition airpower integrated with Coalition ground forces in Iraq and the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan in the following operations July 17, according to Combined Air and Space Operations Center officials here.

In Afghanistan, an Air Force B-1B Lancer dropped guided bomb unit-38s onto an enemy sniper position in the vicinity of Shindad. Additionally, a Royal Air Force GR.7 Harrier dropped an enhanced paveway II munitions onto an enemy compound engaging Coalition Forces.

Furthermore, a Navy F/A-18C Hornet fired canon rounds and dropped GBU- 12 and 38s onto an enemy compound engaging Coalition Forces and performed a show of force to deter anti-Afghan activities. The joint terminal attack controller reported the mission successful.

Near Nangalam, Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt IIs dropped general-purpose 500-pound bombs onto anti-Afghan fighting positions. The mission was declared successful by the JTAC. Air Force F-15E Strike Eagles dropped GBU-12s and 31s onto enemy fighting positions near Bari Kowt. The JTAC confirmed the mission successful.

In the vicinity of Nangalam, A-10s fired cannon rounds and rockets onto anti-Afghan forces. The mission was reported successful by the JTAC. An A-10 dropped GBU-12s onto an enemy compound engaging Coalition Forces near Bagram. The JTAC declared the mission successful.

Near Nangalam, F-15Es dropped GBU-31s onto anti-Afghan fighting positions. Furthermore, a B-1B dropped GBU-31s onto an enemy weapons cache and fighting position. The mission was confirmed successful by the JTAC.

In the vicinity of Nangalam, a B-1B dropped a GBU-31 and 38s onto enemy fighting positions. The JTAC reported the mission successful.

F-15Es conducted shows of force to deter anti-Afghan activities near Bari Kowt and Qal-E-Naw and in the vicinity of Shkin. The missions were declared successful by the JTACs.

Navy F/A18E Super Hornets performed a show of force in the vicinity of Garmser to deter anti-Afghan activities. The JTAC confirmed the mission successful.

A-10s conducted a show of force near Gardez to deter enemy activities. The mission was reported successful by the JTAC.

In total, 70 close air support missions were flown as part of the ISAF and Afghan security forces, reconstruction activities and route patrols.

Fourteen Air Force and Royal Air Force surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft flew missions as part of operations in Afghanistan. Additionally, six Navy and Royal Air Force aircraft performed tactical reconnaissance.

In Iraq, Coalition aircraft flew 56 close air support missions for Operation Iraqi Freedom. These missions integrated and synchronized with Coalition ground forces, protected key infrastructure, provided over watch for reconstruction activities and helped to deter and disrupt terrorist activities.

Twenty-four Air Force and Navy surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft flew missions as part of operations in Iraq. Additionally, four Air Force and Royal Air Force aircraft performed tactical reconnaissance.

U.S. Air Force C-130s and C-17s provided intra-theater heavy airlift, helping to sustain operations throughout Afghanistan, Iraq and the Horn of Africa.

Approximately 142 airlift sorties were flown; 514 tons of cargo delivered, and 1,729 passengers were transported. This included approximately 33,792 pounds of troop re-supply air-dropped in Afghanistan.

Coalition C-130 crews from Australia, Canada, Iraq and Korea flew as part of operations in Afghanistan or Iraq.

On July 16, U.S. Air Force, French, and Royal Air Force aerial refueling crews flew 59 sorties and off-loaded approximately 2.6 million pounds of fuel to 190 receiving aircraft.