

Combined Force Air Component Commander 2011-2016 Airpower Statistics

As of 30 June 2016

The number of weapons employed and missions executed are just two of the many metrics the Combined Force Air Component Commander uses as a means of assessment. June was an extremely kinetic month, where near record numbers were achieved. Coalition air operations continue to enable our partners on the ground to fight Da'esh, further degrading their combat capability and ability to isolate and dismantle terrorist groups on the ground to a point they can no longer sustain themselves or operate as a cohesive organization. June's airpower summary reflects continued precision engagements against and persistent pressure placed on the enemy.

For Operation Freedom's Sentinel, Coalition airpower provides a vital contribution to the overall campaign. Airstrikes continue to enable the success of counter-insurgency operations across Afghanistan as well as provide round-the-clock protection for ground forces. Aerial refueling, Intelligence, as well as Surveillance and Reconnaissance sorties provide critical support to operations. The Afghan Air Force continues to increase in capability and capacity with increased numbers of fixed-wing and rotary aircraft, including C-208s, MD-530s, Mi-17s, Mi-35s, A-29s and C-130s.

In Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR), the Air Coalition continues to strike more lucrative targets with greater effect while striking the enemy at an increased pace. In June, the Air Coalition successfully conducted 1,888 combat strike sorties flown against Da'esh and saw the second highest number of weapons employed and strikes for OIR since July 2015 with 3,167 weapons employed and 884 total strikes. Strikes against logistics lines, command and control, weapons manufacturing areas and financial resources are helping shape the battlespace for Coalition ground forces and was evident during Fallujah's liberation.

In addition to striking strategic targets of significance, Coalition airpower is focused on supporting Iraqi forces to halt Da'esh at every turn. Coalition airstrikes in Syria continue to shape operations meant to degrade Da'esh's resources and effectiveness while limiting their freedom of movement. Conducting strikes in heavily populated areas where Da'esh hides can present a challenge, but Coalition pilots are extremely patient and Coalition weapon systems are extremely accurate and precise.

The territory that Da'esh controls continues to shrink as they fail to hold ground when confronted by Iraqi and Syrian opposition forces. They have lost almost 50 percent of the area they once controlled and airpower continues to place them in a continuous state of pressure while eroding their capability to sustain and finance operations.

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OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

Close Air Support/Escort/Interdiction

Number of Weapons Released

Less Activity  More Activity

Sorties		Sorties with at least one weapon release		Number of Weapons Released												
Year	Sorties	Year	Sorties	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2014	6,591	2014	2,003								269	931	1,746	1,458	1,888	6,292
2015	21,113	2015	9,914	2,426	1,853	1,685	1,862	2,145	1,683	2,823	2,758	2,380	2,694	3,227	3,139	28,675
2016	10,615	2016	5,975	2,718	2,090	2,052	2,582	2,341	3,167							14,950

	2014	2015	2016
Intel, Surveillance and Recon Sorties	2,247	9,401	4,950
Airlift and Airdrop Sorties	1,992	10,050	4,500
Airlift Cargo (Short Tons)*	14,555	78,500	35,400
Airlift Passengers*	9,900	47,200	23,400
Supplies Airdropped (Pounds)	1,417,900	0	39,221
Tanker Sorties	4,859	14,737	6,195
Fuel Offloaded (Millions of Pounds)	282	912	378
Aircraft Refuelings	28,956	84,381	39,521

* Iraq only



- Some figures may have changed due to data re-calculation and re-verification

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