The president has authorized U.S. Central Command to work with partner nations to conduct targeted strikes against ISIL in Iraq and Syria as part of the comprehensive strategy to degrade and ultimately defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL.

**Next Plays in the Counter-ISIL Campaign**

- **Syria**
  - Damascus
  - Raqqa
  - Mosul

**Costs of Operations**

As of July 31, 2015, the total cost of operations related to ISIL since the first operation on August 7, 2014, is $37.7 billion and the average daily cost is $32.4 million for 741 days of operations. A further breakdown of cost associated with specific operations is below.

**Targets Damaged/Destroyed as of May 31, 2016**

- **Syria**
  - 143 operational targets
  - 532 operational targets
  - 6,767 buildings
  - 7,893 fighting positions
  - 1,620 pieces of infrastructure
  - 4,233 other targets
  - **Total**: 26,374

**Statements & News Releases**

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