

US strikes in Libya kill more than 80 Islamic State terrorists

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Washington: US airstrikes have killed more than 80 terrorists from Islamic State at Sirte in Libya. According to the US Defense Secretary Ash Carter, some of these militants were believed to be actively plotting attacks in Europe.

A B-2 stealth bomber took off as part of a mission to conduct airstrikes

Carter said that there is a need to strike ISIS everywhere they show up.

The mission, which dropped around 100 bombs on Wednesday, is thought to be the last signed by President Barack Obama as he prepares to leave office.

“These were critically important strikes for our campaign and a clear example of our enduring commitment to destroy ISIS’s cancer not in Iraq and Syria but everywhere,” Carter said.

A Pentagon spokesman said that an initial assessment indicated the US military strikes on Wednesday night destroyed two camps at southwest of Sirte.

The strikes hit military camps run by ISIS and located about 45km south-west of the coastal city of Sirte - an ISIS stronghold until the group was driven out in December.

It was the first time the stealth planes had been used in combat in Libya since March 2011, when they were deployed as part of the campaign to oust long-time leader Muammar Gaddafi.

The United States carried out nearly 500 air strikes against Islamic State targets in Sirte between August and December last year.

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