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COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE  
CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT  
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IRCS

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## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 529

1. (U) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. There were no corroborating Coalition strikes IVO Tal Afar, IZ from 12-14 June 2017. CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and make available for immediate public release.

2. (U) **Background.** I considered the following information in making my findings:

a. (U) On 14 June 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported Pro-ISIS Twitter user (@abofarsansare) cited ISIS media outlet, A'maq News Agency, as saying, "American airstrikes killed 19 children and destroyed a mosque in the middle of the city of Tal Afar." Pro-ISIS and Sunni anti-Gol users circulated the news shortly thereafter. Subsequently, pro-ISIS users started to post a digital banner from A'maq, which announced the news. This topic trended and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE.

b. (U) On 15 June 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported Pro-ISIS Twitter, Facebook, and Telegram users circulated a video from ISIS media outlet, A'maq News Agency, showing "the destruction and victims which American airstrikes caused in targeting a mosque in in the city of Tal Afar yesterday [14 JUN]." The video featured the remains of a mosque; on the entrance structure which was still standing, the name of the mosque could be read as "al-Taqwa". The video also showed four adult mangled corpses which were still half under the debris. This topic trended at a medium level and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE

c. (~~S//REL TO FVEY~~) On 21 June 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an initial assessment and determined to close this allegation at the Initial Assessment stage.

3. (U) **CJTF Initial Assessment**

a. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) AIRWARS.org contained a corresponding allegation.

b. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) The allegation provided picture and video evidence of CIVCAS.

c. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) There were no Coalition airstrikes in Tal Afar from 12-14 June 2017 to corroborate the allegation.

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d. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) CJFLCC-OIR air advisors reported that Iraqi Air Force accepted that an Iraqi Air Force strike on 14 June 2017 targeting a "Cubs of the Caliphate training location (cubs aged 15-18)" was the strike in Tal Afar referred to in the allegation.

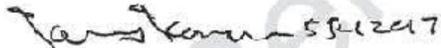
**4. (U) Action.**

(U) I direct closure of this CIVCAS incident and that CJTF-OIR PAO publish the result of this CIVCAS assessment in a press release as soon as practicable.

**5. (U) Point of contact is** (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)  
(b)(6).

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- 1. Initial Assessment
- 2. Screen Shot

  
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