

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1261		
Incident Date	21 MAY 17	Opened Date	28 NOV 2017
Source(s)	Amnesty International		
Source Type	Media	Location	Sahlat al-Banat
Nearest Major City	Raqqqa	MGRS	(b)(1)1.4a
Allegation Description	<p>Estimated Casualties – Killed: 4, Injured: unknown</p> <p>Source #1: We found an empty house in Sahlat al-Banat, in which we stayed for two or three days. It was a one-storey house. Eight family members were in the house, along with two guests, bringing the total number of people to 10. On 21 May at around 5pm my husband saw a plane in the sky above. He came inside and told us ‘this place isn’t safe’. There were two IS houses among the houses in Sahlat al-Banat. There was also an IS vehicle mounted with a doshka that was hiding under some trees next to a civilian house. The doshka began firing at the planes, which responded with rocket fire. At least six building were hit, five houses and the driving school. When the firing began everyone ran from the houses and into the fields. We wanted to run as well but my mother, the boy’s grandmother, is disabled and uses a wheelchair. She refused to leave, saying, ‘I’m not going anywhere’. It would have been impossible to carry her or to push the wheelchair along the stony ground. One of my sons ran out of the house and came back with a car. That was when the planes struck the house we were in. My father, Abd- al-Rahman al-Abdulla (72) and two of my brother’s sons, Abd-al-Rahman Ahmed al-Abdulla (20), and Ezzeldine Mohamed (19) were killed”.⁵⁷</p>		

1. Is this allegation a self-report? **NO**
 If yes, add details of potentially corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.
2. Does the allegation actually allege CIVCAS? **YES**
 If yes, go to 3.a. If no, close the allegation.
- 3.a. Does the allegation state a single incident and/or location? **YES**
 If yes, move to 4. If no, move to 3.b.
- 3.b. Does the allegation contain specific information pairing each CIVCAS allegation with an independent location?
 If yes, separate the each of the combined allegations into separate allegations and restart an IA for each.
 If no, send a RFI in an attempt to break out the locations and casualties into separate allegations, restart the IA.
- If unable to RFI the allegor, go to 7.

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4. Does the allegation contain:

a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range? **YES**

b) a specific location? **NO**

If yes to BOTH, go to 7. If EITHER are no, then go to 5.

5. Does the allegation contain:

a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range? **YES**

b) a specific time of day or timeframe? **YES**

c) a general location? **YES**

If yes to ALL three, then go to 7. If ANY are no, go to 6.

6. Does the allegation contain:

a) ~~Video or photo evidence of CIVCAS that can be used to narrow the date/time or location of the allegation?~~

~~— If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.b.~~

b) ~~Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation?~~

~~— If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.c.~~

c) ~~Any high quality sources?~~

~~— If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.d.~~

d) ~~Specific facts that warrant a search for strikes?~~

~~— If yes, go to 7. If no, close the allegation.~~

7.a. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to conduct a search for strikes? **YES**

If yes, go to 8. If no, go to 7.b.

7.b. Explain in detail why there is insufficient information on the time, location, and details to conduct a search for strikes.

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MAT: 0 results

CAOC log: 0 results

CJTF log: 0 results

IZ

CJFLCC log, -email (Start 18 MAY 2017):

SY

Tb(1) log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017):

8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? **NO**

If yes, answer the questions below and task CCAR.

If no, provide a detailed explanation and close the allegation.

- **Given the information provided, a comprehensive search of Coalition strikes for both 20 and 21 May 17 was conducted.**
- **No strikes were found for 20 and 21 May 17 that corresponded to the alleged location.**

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1. Assessed date of incident:

2. Location:

3. Potentially Corroborating Strike Information:

MGRS:

Strike Number:

DTG:

Target:

Dynamic/Deliberate:

Aircraft:

Call Sign:

Nationality:

Munitions & Number dropped:

Target Number:

TEA:

BE #:

Non-US Coalition Involvement: None

Decision: Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.

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