

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	818		
Source(s)	Airwars.org	Date Received	2 July 2017
Casualty Estimate	"caused the deaths of four"		
Incident Date	7-9 Jan 2017		
Location	Hattash village, Raqqah Governate, SY IVO	(b)(1)1.4a	
Allegation	<p>January 9th, 2017: هتاش Hattash village, Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: Four civilians were reported killed and two others injured following an alleged Coalition strike on Hattash. According to Euphrates Post, "Coalition aircraft caused the deaths of four other [civilians] last night, a result of four air raids targeting the village of Hattash which is under the control of Islamic state in eastern Raqqa, which also caused considerable destruction to a number of residential buildings in the center of the village. It is noteworthy that the international airline alliance has intensified its air raids on positions controlled by the organization [IS] in the northern, eastern and western countryside to coincide with the advance of SDF in the west of the city." Smart and Syrian Mirror said the Coalition was responsible and that three of the four civilians killed were from one family – and included a woman. Eldorar also blamed the Coalition and put the death toll at five. Civilians reported killed: 4-5, including 1 woman Civilians reported injured: 2 Sources: Euphrates Post [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Archived], Euphrates Post (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Syria Mirror [Arabic], [Archived], Smart [Arabic], [Archived], Alhadath [Arabic], [Archived], Raqqa Post [Arabic], [Archived], Raqqa Post (2) [Arabic], [Archived], SY_reporter [Arabic], [Archived], Euphrates Post [Arabic], [Archived], RFS [Arabic], [Archived], Alaraby [Arabic], [Archived], Syria-news [Arabic], [Archived], Eldorar [Arabic], [Archived]. Quality of reporting: Fair</p>		
Analysis	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? NO If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO b) a general location, YES AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES, 7 – 9 JAN If yes to all three, move to 6. If any are no, then move to number 3.</p> <p>3. Does the allegation contain a a) General Day, YES</p>		

	<p>AND</p> <p>b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO If yes to the two, then move to 6. If any are no, move to number 4.</p> <p>4.a. Is the allegation from a single source (even if there are multiple sources, look at whether the sources lack independence, i.e., all derived from one source)? NO If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.c.</p> <p>4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re-assess. If no, then close the allegation.</p> <p>5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? YES If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.</p> <p>5.b. Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation, OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR? If yes, move to 6. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? YES I.e., does it provide enough information to determine the date within 48 hour; does it provide enough information to determine a neighborhood, landmark, or other way to where the alleged incident occurred within a .5km radius? If yes, move to 7. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p><i>MAT checked, No results</i> <i>CAOC Strike Log checked, No results</i> <i>CJTF Strike log checked, No results</i></p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation. NO</p> <p>1. Assessed date of incident: 7-9 Jan 2017</p> <p>2. Location: Hattash village, Raqqah Governate, SY IVO (b)(1)1.4a</p> <p>3. Corroborating strikes: None</p>
<p>Non-US Coalition Involvement</p>	
<p>Decision</p>	<p>Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no strikes IVO (b)(1)1.4a
<p>Report Approved By:</p>	<p>(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</p>

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