

## CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

<b>Allegation #</b>	818		
<b>Source(s)</b>	Airwars.org	<b>Date Received</b>	2 July 2017
<b>Casualty Estimate</b>	"caused the deaths of four"		
<b>Incident Date</b>	7-9 Jan 2017		
<b>Location</b>	Hattash village, Raqqah Governate, SY IVO	(b)(1)1.4a	
<b>Allegation</b>	<p><b>January 9th, 2017: هتاش Hattash village, Raqqa governorate, Syria</b>  <b>Summary: Four civilians were reported killed and two others injured following an alleged Coalition strike on Hattash.</b>  According to <b>Euphrates Post</b>, "Coalition aircraft caused the deaths of four other [civilians] last night, a result of four air raids targeting the <b>village of Hattash</b> 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."  <b>Smart and Syrian Mirror</b> said the Coalition was responsible and that three of the four civilians killed were from one family – and included a woman.  <b>Eldorar</b> also blamed the Coalition and put the death toll at five.  Civilians reported <b>killed: 4-5</b>, including 1 woman  Civilians reported <b>injured: 2</b>  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].  <b>Quality of reporting: Fair</b></p>		
<b>Analysis</b>	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? <b>NO</b> 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 <b>NO</b>  b) a general location, <b>YES</b>  <b>AND</b>  c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? <b>YES, 7 – 9 JAN</b>  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, <b>YES</b></p>		

	<p>AND</p> <p>b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? <b>NO</b> 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)? <b>NO</b> If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>4.b. <del>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.</del></p> <p>4.c. <del>Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re-assess. If no, then close the allegation.</del></p> <p>5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? <b>YES</b> If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.</p> <p>5.b. <del>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.</del></p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? <b>YES</b> 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. <b>NO</b></p> <p>1. <b>Assessed date of incident:</b> 7-9 Jan 2017</p> <p>2. <b>Location:</b> Hattash village, Raqqah Governate, SY IVO <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 20px;">(b)(1)1.4a</span></p> <p>3. <b>Corroborating strikes:</b> None</p>
<p><b>Non-US Coalition Involvement</b></p>	
<p><b>Decision</b></p>	<p>Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no strikes IVO <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 20px;">(b)(1)1.4a</span></li> </ul>
<p><b>Report Approved By:</b></p>	<p><span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 0 20px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</span></p>

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