

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	839		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	27 JUN 2017
Casualty Estimate	Unknown killed; unknown injured Coalition Assesses ~19 casualties		
Incident Date	16 JAN 2017		
Location	Near Raqqa, Raqqa governorate, Syria		
Allegation	<p>1. Is this in Airwars? YES January 16th, 2017: Near Raqqa, Raqqa governorate, Syria Synopsis: In an incident previously unknown to Airwars, the Coalition reported on March 4th that it was assessing a potential civilian casualty event for January 16th: "Currently, 19 reports of civilian casualties are still being assessed...Jan. 16, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via self-report." Awaiting further details Civilians reported killed: Unknown Civilians reported injured: Unknown Sources: Quality of reporting: Fair – INCIDENT BEING ASSESSED Coalition position: For <u>January 15th-16th</u> the Coalition publicly stated: "Near Ar Raqqah, eight strikes engaged six ISIL tactical units; destroyed seven fighting positions, a heavy machine gun, a vehicle, and a bridge; suppressed a heavy machine gun; and damaged a supply route. Near Tabqah Dam, four strikes engaged four ISIL tactical units, destroyed two fighting positions, and suppressed an ISIL tactical unit." For <u>January 16th-17th</u> it noted: "Near Ar Raqqah, nine strikes engaged three ISIL tactical units; destroyed three fighting positions, an artillery system, a supply cache, a VBIED, a front-end loader, a tactical vehicle, and an ISIL weapons storage facility; and damaged a supply route." Quality of Reporting: Fair – INCIDENT BEING ASSESSED</p>		
Analysis	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? YES If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.</p> <p>The self reporting is not specific with regard to location. Upon review by the CIVCAS team, there were no corroborating strike within 1km of Raqqah City(grid provided by AIRWARS) center between 14-16 January. However, there are multiple strikes IVO Tabqah Dam (<i>self report mentioned strikes near Tabqah Dam</i>).</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO</p>		

	<p>b) a general location, e.g., Tabqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. YES AND</p> <p>c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES</p> <p>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</p> <p>a) General Day, YES</p> <p>AND</p> <p>b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? YES</p> <p>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)? 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? 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? NO</p> <p>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>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation.</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"> • No corroborating strike within 1km of Raqqah City (grid provided by AIRWARS) center between 14-16 January. • All strikes during the timeframe alleged were conducted IVO Tabqah Dam.
<p>Report Approved By:</p>	<p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</p>

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