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CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT
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IRCS

31 AUG 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 881

1. (U) **BLUF**. Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. Based on review of all reasonably available information, there is insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility. 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) According to Airwars.org, on 11 February 2017, Heavy airstrikes on Raqqa – reportedly by the Coalition – may have caused civilian casualties according to confused reports. According to Step News “international coalition raids target the grain silos, the finance building, the arts school and al Nai’m roundabout in the city of Raqqa a short while ago causing material and human losses as well as a complete electricity cut in most of the city’s neighbourhoods.” While other sources mentioned the air raids none referenced civilian casualties.

b. (~~S//REL~~) On 25 AUG 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell approved the Initial Assessment (IA) and determined the allegation should be closed at the IA.

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

a. (~~S//REL~~) The allegation did not include picture or video evidence of CIVCAS.

b. (~~S//REL~~) While the allegation provided a specific location for the alleged airstrikes, the sources from which the allegation was drawn did not actually allege that Coalition airstrikes caused civilian casualties.

c. (~~S//REL~~) Accordingly, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell recommended closing this allegation at the Initial Assessment due to insufficient information to make an assessment of credibility.

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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)
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1. Initial Assessment


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