

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	764		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	26 MAY 2017
Casualty Estimate	1		
Incident Date	4 DEC 2016		
Location	Kabish Gharbi village, Raqqa governorate, Syria		
Allegation	<p>1. Source #1: Description</p> <p>2. Source #2: Description</p> <p>3. Is this in Airwars? YES</p> <p>If Yes, copy and paste entire allegation: December 4th 2016: غربى كيش قرية, Kabish Gharbi village, Raqqa governorate, Syria</p> <p>Summary: A single source reported civilian casualties following an alleged Coalition raid at Khabish Gharbi.</p> <p>According to Smart News, "one civilian was killed and others wounded in coalition raids on the village of Kabish Gharbi north of Raqqa."</p> <p>In an emailed response to a report submitted by Airwars on this and other incidents in December 2016, Coalition officials said the event was presently assessed as "Not credible."</p> <p>Civilians reported killed: 1</p> <p>Civilians reported injured: 2 or more</p> <p>Sources: Smart News [Arabic] [Archived],</p> <p>Quality of reporting: Weak – presently single source. ASSESSED INCIDENT</p> <p>Coalition position: For December 3rd-4th 2016, the Coalition reported that "Near Ar Raqqa, one strike destroyed an ISIL command and control node."</p> <p>For December 4th-5th 2016 the Coalition reported that "Near Ar Raqqa, three strikes [1 British with others] engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a weapons production facility a vehicle, and a bulldozer."</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</p> <p>a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO</p> <p>b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; YES</p> <p>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 AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO</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)? YES If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source (well-known/credible news source) YES OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR, i.e., a way to narrow down a reasonable list of strikes to assess. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.c.</p> <p>4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? NO 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? 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>1. Assessed date of incident:</p> <p>2. Location:</p> <p>3. Corroborating strikes:</p>
<p>Non-US Coalition Involvement</p>	
<p>Decision</p>	<p>Closed at IA; insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility.</p> <p>OCT-DEC insufficient info closure MEMO</p>
<p>Report Approved By:</p>	