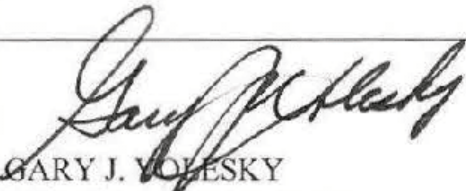


FIRST IMPRESSION REPORT (FIR)

<b>Event #</b>	07 NOV 16 – Strike on 3x PAX in Mosul (E.13), Iraq				
<b>Component</b>	CJOC-Erbil	Unit	CJFLCC-OIR	<b>Closest Host-Nation Unit (If applicable)</b>	N/A
<b>DTG</b>	07(b)(1)1.4a NOV 16				
<b>Report Approved by:</b>	BG Steven W. Gilland, CJOC-Erbil Target Engagement Authority				
<b>When</b>	07(b)(1)1.4a NOV 16				
<b>Where</b>	Mosul, IZ; (b)(1)1.4a				
<b>What</b>	<p>At 07(b)(1)1.4a NOV 16, CJOC-Erbil prosecuted strike (b)(1)1.4a under ROE (b)(1)1.4a. Declared Hostile Force, on two armed PAX in the sector E.13 neighborhood of Mosul, Iraq. Following the release of the (b)(1)1.4a munition, an additional adult male entered the target area and all three adult males were killed. The available information indicates, by a reasonable certainty, that the additional adult male was a Da'esh member and lawfully targetable.</p> <p>The engagement report is as follows:</p> <p>Shooter: Munitions: Locations: BDA:  (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) 3x EKIA</p> <p>The engagement began when CTS reported taking fire from two buildings in the sector E.13 neighborhood of Mosul. With ISR asset (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) overhead, two armed adult males were observed maneuvering tactically down a street in close proximity, approximately 55m, from the reported location of Da'esh fire. Due to their possession of weapons, tactical maneuvering, and close proximity to the reports of small arms fire, the two adult males were positively identified as valid military targets.</p> <p>The Strike Cell coordinated for (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) maneuver into strike posture, and the target was weaponeered with an (b)(1)1.4a. A wide view scan of the area revealed no indications of civilian pattern of life, so (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) focus returned to lase the two males with an (b)(1)1.4a.</p> <p>(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) fired (b)(1)1.4a at the two males at (b)(1)1.4a. Approximately 7 seconds after "RIFLE" (fire), an additional person, confirmed by an ISR screener to be an adult male, entered the field of view (FOV) from behind a tree. The tree obscured (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) from seeing the adult male during its (b)(1)1.4a scan. The targeted adult males stopped and began conversing with the additional male who entered the FOV for approximately ten seconds before the munition impacted, killing all three men.</p>				

	<p>ISR post-strike observation also did not reveal any civilian pattern of life; however, approximately five to ten minutes after the strike, three adult males approached the bodies. Based upon the TEA's observation and ISR screener's assessments, these adult males approached the bodies, took a weapon from one of the bodies, and returned to the bodies to dig through the pockets to retrieve something from them. All three adult males were assessed to be Da'esh based upon their behavior, including obscuring their position with a thermal signature blanket, and using the tree to obscure their observation from ISR assets. Despite this assessment, these adult males were not engaged on the basis that they were conducting mortuary affairs or possible medical treatment on the three men who had been struck.</p> <p>The manner in which the armed adult males conversed with the additional adult male, coupled with the manner in which all three adult males' bodies were handled, support, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the additional adult male was a Da'esh member.</p> <p>The location in which the strike occurred was in a Da'esh-controlled area, in front of a building, with historical enemy signals intelligence. The intelligence also supports the neighborhood in which this strike occurred is devoid of civilians based upon ISR observation, current CTS maneuver in that location, and the enemy action that had occurred in this location in the preceding 48 hours. Furthermore, review of the CJOC-B Civilian Pattern of Life (CIVPOL) tracker indicates the last observation of civilians in the neighborhood occurred on 1 November, almost one week prior to this incident.</p>
<p><b>Next Step</b></p>	<p>A preponderance of the evidence supports a battle damage assessment of 3x EKIA, and zero civilian casualties.</p> <p><b>Future action planned:</b> No further action relating to this incident. CJFLCC-OIR and CJOC-E will continue to monitor media or other reports concerning this strike in future (b)(1)1.4c materials.</p> <p><b>Actions taken by unit after event:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The evidence indicates all targeting procedures were followed with no anomalies; specifically, mitigation measures were taken to prevent collateral damage, (b)(1)1.4a scans were conducted before the strike, and appropriate reliance upon (b)(1)1.4d approval and the CJFLCC-OIR CIVPOL tracker reporting concerning the civilian pattern of life.</li> <li>2. All available information feeds have been reviewed and supports the assessment that no civilians were killed or injured as a result of this strike.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Additional Information</b></p>	<p>No known media or Open Source Reporting currently exists relating to this engagement.</p>
<p><b>Casualty Estimate</b></p>	<p>Zero.</p>

<b>Next Step</b>  <b>CDR'S Comment</b>	No further action is recommended.
<b>CDR's Signature</b>	 GARY J. VOLESKY Major General, U.S. Army Commanding