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 COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE
 CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT
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IRCS

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 346

1. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and make this allegation available for public release.

2. (U) **Background.** I considered the following information in making my findings:

a. (U) On 17 April 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported that, beginning on 17 FEB, pro-ISIL Twitter users circulated a headline banner from ISIL media outlet, A'maq News Agency, claiming that American airstrikes killed a woman and her child while targeting a residential area in the city of al-Tabaqah, western Raqqa. Pro-ISIL users later disseminated an A'maq video allegedly depicting the destruction caused by the American airstrikes on the area. The video depicts rubble and destroyed buildings while a man curses CF for attacking the area and pointing towards the places where the woman and her child allegedly died. This topic trended and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE.

b. (U) On 17 February 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell opened the allegation.

c. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) On 26 April 2017, CJTF-OIR conducted an initial assessment and concluded that the allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**.

3. (U) **CJTF CIVCAS Cell's Findings**

a. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) There was one strike near Tabaqah on 17 February 2017. Strike (b)(1)1.4 was a deliberate strike on an ISIL weapons storage site; not a residential area. Moreover, the building struck does not seem to be the same facility in the still images captured from the A'maq video in the WebOps allegation.

b. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) There was one strike on 16 February, on the outskirts of Tabaqah city, strike (b)(1)1.4, a deliberate on-call strike labeled as an ISIL weapons storage. Not in a residential area.

4. (U) **Action.**

(U) I direct closure of this CIVCAS incident and that CJTF-OIR PAO publish the results of this closure in a press release as soon as practicable.

5. (U) Point of contact is (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

2 Encls
 1. Initial Assessment
 2. FIR


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