

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	524		
Source(s)	WebOps	Date Received	11 June 2017
Casualty Estimate	13 civilians were killed and others wounded		
Incident Date	10 June 2017		
Location	Residential areas near al-Nour Street, West of Raqqa, Syria		
Allegation	<p>1. Description of allegation:</p> <p>(U) CIVCAS Claims from US Arial and Artillery Bombardment on Residential Areas in Raqqa: On Saturday 10 JUN, Pro-Syrian Opposition social media users and local media outlet circulated reports that 13 civilians were killed and others wounded by a US air strike with missiles and White Phosphorus bombs on al-Nour Street, West of Raqqa. In addition, Pro-ISIS automated Twitter accounts and users circulated A'maq News Agency digital banners claiming that 21 civilians were killed and 17 injured (mainly women and children) by American artillery shelling on residential areas in Raqqa. Pro-Syrian opposition asked if any Arab or Islamic country was among the CF carried airstrikes, while another Pro-Syrian users sympathized with the dead and condemned the strike. This topic trended at a medium level and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE.</p> <p>2. Is this in Airwars? YES</p> <p>June 9th 2017: Raqqa city, Raqqa governorate Syria</p> <p>Summary: Twenty one civilians died and 19 more were wounded in Coalition airstrikes and/or artillery shelling by unidentified parties in Raqqa, local media said.</p> <p>The IS media agency, A'maq, published videos reportedly showing the shelling and aftermath of US strikes using white phosphorous on "neighborhoods and markets" in the city.</p> <p>According to Baladi, "the International Alliance renewed its shelling of the city of Raqqa with white phosphorus, on Friday, while the militias of the Syrian Democratic Forces broke into the Romaniya neighbourhood after taking control of the entire neighborhood of Al-Sahahia west of the city." But other sources blamed artillery and didn't identify the culprit. Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently put the civilian death toll at 21.</p> <p>According to Ahmad al Shibli, however, 21 died and 19 were wounded – most of them women and children – "following American artillery shelling".</p> <p>Al Ragga Truth reported that artillery shells fell on the "al Panorama area near al Safa mosque".</p> <p>Civilians reported killed: 21</p> <p>Civilians reported injured: 19</p> <p>Sources: GRAPHIC: A'maq [IS media agency] [Arabic], VERY GRAPHIC: A'maq (2) [Arabic], RFS [Arabic], [Archived], Shaam News Network [Arabic], [Archived], Baladi [Arabic], [Archived], Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (RBSS) [Arabic], [Archived], Ahmad al Shibli [Arabic], [Archived], Al Ragga Truth [Arabic], [Archived], Euphrates Post [Arabic], [Archived], Sharqiya Voice [Arabic], [Archived],</p> <p>QUALITY OF REPORTING: CONTESTED</p>		

<p>Analysis</p>	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS No. 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 c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? Yes. <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) General Day, Yes. AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? No. <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)? No. 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? No. 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? Yes. 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? Yes. 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? Yes. If yes, move to 7. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? Yes. If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation.</p> <p>1. Assessed date of incident: 10 June 17</p> <p>2. Location: Raqqa, Syria</p> <p>3. Corroborating strikes: Confirmed use of (b)(1)1.4a Video and photo evidence suggest possible credible allegation. TF94-7 should assess.</p>
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Non-US Coalition Involvement		
Decision	TF94-7 conduct CCAR	
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