

## CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

<b>Allegation #</b>	869		
<b>Source(s)</b>	Airwars	<b>Date Received</b>	15 AUG 17
<b>Casualty Estimate</b>	Killed: 1; Injured: unknown		
<b>Incident Date</b>	29 - 31 JAN 17		
<b>Location</b>	Al Qata, IVO Abu Kamal, Dayr Az Zawr governorate, SY (MGRS: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(S)(1)1.4a</span> )		
<b>Allegation</b>	<p><b>1. Source #1:</b>  <b>Summary:</b> One person was reported killed in an alleged Coalition strike on <b>al Qata</b> – though it was not clear whether they were a civilian or a combatant.  According to the Syrian Observatory, “warplanes believed to be affiliated to the International coalition targeted places <u>in the desert</u> of the town of Qata eastern Deir Ezzor, which resulted in the death of at least one person.”  On March 4th the Coalition said it was assessing an event “near Dayr Az Zayr, Syria, via self-report.” It was not clear whether it referred to this event, the one at Sbeikhan or another incident.  <b>Civilians reported killed: 0-1</b>  <b>Civilians reported injured: Unknown</b>  Sources: Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Coalition monthly civcas report (March 2017),  <b>Quality of reporting: Weak – presently single source. Status of victim unclear"</b></p>		
<b>Analysis</b>	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2. <b>NO</b></p> <p>2. Does the allegation include  a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS? <b>NO</b>  b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; <b>YES</b>  <b>AND</b>  c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? <b>YES</b>  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  a) General Day, <b>YES</b>  <b>AND</b>  b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? <b>NO</b></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)? If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5. <b>YES</b></p>		

	<p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source (well-known/credible news source) <b>OR</b> 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. <b>YES, given specific village which is small enough to search.</b></p> <p>4.c. <del>Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re-assess. If no, then close the allegation.</del></p> <p><del>5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.</del></p> <p><del>5.b. Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation, <b>OR</b> does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR? If yes, move to 6. If no, close the allegation.</del></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. <b>YES</b></p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation. <b>NO</b></p> <p><b><u>IZ &amp; SY</u></b>  <b>MAT, 0 strikes</b>  <b>CAOC log, 0 strikes</b>  <b>CJTF kmz, 0 strikes</b>  <b>CJTF log, 0 strikes</b></p> <p><b><u>IZ</u></b>  <b>CJFLCC log, -email, N/A</b></p> <p><b><u>SY</u></b>  <b>Tf(1) log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017) N/A</b></p>
<b>Non-US Coalition Involvement</b>	N/A
<b>Decision</b>	Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no strikes in al Qata or around al Qata during the timeframe alleged.</li> <li>• The nearest strike is over 20 km from this location; it is not potentially corroborating.</li> </ul>
<b>Report Approved By:</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</div>

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