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 CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT  
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27 MAY 2017

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 471

1. (U) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. Due to lack of specific, particularized information; and, because there are no potentially corroborating strikes, there is insufficient information to corroborate the allegation. CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and make available for immediate public release.

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

a. (U//~~FOUO~~) On 16 May 17, TF [redacted] (b)(1)1.4a reporting received by the CJFLCC-OIR reported that 'Daesh fighters raided a house full of civilians in Al-Najjar neighborhood and launched a drone from the roof before departing. Unverified reports indicated that sometime after the Daesh fighters left, airstrikes targeted the house. The strikes resulted in the deaths of three children.

b. (U) Airwars.org reported: Local residents said that two named brothers were in Najjar neighborhood, after what two sources reported as Coalition airstrikes on their house. Other sources spoke of "indiscriminate shelling" more broadly, and Ninawa Media Center spoke of a rocket attack on the home. Iraqyoon Agency said that the Coalition had targeted a house neighboring that of the brothers, where ISIL treated their wounded. This had caused the destruction of the house where Sajid Ahmed Sajid and his brother Amer Ahmad Sajid were residing at the moment of the strike. Amer was the father of two sons, called Emad and Ziad.

c. (U) On 27 May 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an initial assessment and determined to close this allegation at the Initial Assessment stage.

3. (U) **CJTF Initial Assessment**

a. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) Airwars.org contained a corroborating allegation.

b. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) Neither WebOps nor Airwars.org included picture or video evidence of CIVCAS. Moreover, neither source provided a specific location, e.g., MGRS, name of building.

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c. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) The allegation stems from multiple sources. Although none are necessarily high quality sources, the quality of reporting is fair due to the fact that specific names were provided.

d. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) CJFLCC-OIR J34 reviewed strike records for all Coalition strikes in the vicinity of Al-Najjar on 14 and 15 May 17. No strikes correlated with the reported target (a UAS team or UAS node) and a review of all available FMV footage did not disclose any pre-strike or post-strike CIVPOL consistent with the occurrence of CIVCAS. Moreover, the 16<sup>th</sup> wasn't assessed as the allegation unlikely surfaced after the 15<sup>th</sup>. The reporting was compiled by T(b)(1) on 16 May on the basis of (b)(1)1.4c source reporting. No date was given as to the when the incident referred to in the (b)(1)1.4c reporting occurred, but it is highly unlikely that the incident would have occurred, then been transmitted to a T(b)(1) source, then to a T(b)(1) operator, and then into the T(b)(1) report all on 16 May.

e. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) Accordingly, CIVCAS Cell recommended this allegation be closed due to lack of specific, particularized information; and, because there are no potentially corroborating strikes, there is insufficient information to corroborate the allegation.

4. (U) Action.

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

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

- 2 Encls
- 1. Initial Assessment
- 2. Screen Shot

  
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