

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1149		
Source(s)	Regional Humanitarian Coordinator Syria Crisis	Date Received	24 JUL 2017
Casualty Estimate	Killed: 5		
Incident Date	8 Jun 17 and 48 hrs prior		
Location	Al-Bougha, Raqqa governate	(b)(1)1.4a	
Allegation	<p>1. Source #1:</p> <p>On 8 June, five children were allegedly killed as a result of a landmine explosion in the village of Al-Bougha in northern rural Ar-Raqqa.</p> <p>3. Is this in Airwars? NO</p>		
Analysis	<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. NO</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include</p> <p>a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO</p> <p>b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; YES, found to be located at 37S DA 78298 40426</p> <p>AND</p> <p>c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES</p> <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> <p>a) General Day, YES</p> <p>AND</p> <p>b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO</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. YES, this allegation is not found in any social media available at the time of the analysis, available by reasonable means. Not found in existing airwars.org allegations.</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source (well-known/credible news source) OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR, i.e., a way to narrow down a reasonable</p>		

	<p>list of strikes to assess. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.c. YES, the UN Syria Crisis is considered to be high quality, and was directly supplied to CJTF CIVCAS.</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? 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? 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? 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. YES, The MGRS coordinate was not provided. Therefore, the village Al-Bougha was researched and the location found matches the description in the allegation “northern rural Ar-Raqqa” [all allegations from this source have been in Raqqa governate, following the same school of thought that if no other governates are introduced then it is assessed that we are still looking within the same governate.]</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation. NO</p> <p>1. Assessed date of incident:</p> <p>2. Location:</p> <p>3. Corroborating strikes:</p> <p><i>MAT checked, no results</i> <i>CAOC log checked, no results</i> <i>CJTF kmz checked, no results</i> <i>CJTF log checked, no results</i></p>
Non-US Coalition Involvement	None.
Decision	Close the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.
Report Approved By:	(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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