

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	681		
Source(s)	Airwars	Date Received	30 May 2017
Casualty Estimate	"killed dozens."		
Incident Date	Noon 20 Oct 2017		
Location	Vehicle(VBIED) and a house, Hadba, IVO	(b)(1)1.4a	
Allegation	<p>1. Description of allegation: October 20th 2016: Mosul, Nineveh province, Iraq Summary: One civilian male was killed in Mosul's Hadba neighbourhood by Coalition strikes, according to local reports. Al Rafidain Network for Human Rights reported that a young man named Mustafa Bushar al Qaddu was killed inside his home due to Coalition strikes. Iraq 18 said the civilian casualties occurred after the Coalition destroyed a vehicle-borne IED: "A member of the Nineveh provincial council, Hossam El Din al-Saffar, said the international coalition aircraft targeted a car bomb which was on its way to elements of the Nineveh [Iraq] army in the east of the city, which led to the fall of martyrs and wounded among civilians. Al-Saffar said in a press statement that ... the explosion led to the martyrdom and wounding of a number of civilians who were fleeing the clashes." A martyr's page to Mr Al Qaddu was later posted by relatives in Ireland, which proclaimed: "I declare the news of the martyrdom of Mustafa Bashar Al Qaddu who was the victim of a missile bombing which targeted their home today noon in Hadba neighbourhood Oct.20.2016 in our Beloved Mosul before its liberation – which he will now never be able to witness." A video posted by blogger Akram Almashaddani claimed to show significant destruction from Coalition strikes that day on the city. Given reported British actions in the area that day, Airwars flagged the incident to the UK's MoD which said "we can confirm that there was no UK involvement" in the event. However given that RAF strikes were reported in north and north east Mosul, Airwars has requested further clarification. Civilians reported killed: 1 or more Civilians reported injured: 1 or more Sources: Al Rafidain Network for Human Rights [Arabic] [Archived], Iraq 18 [Arabic] [Archived], Martyr's page [Arabic] [Archived], VIDEO Akram Almashaddani blog [Arabic] [Archived], Quality of Reporting: Fair – with the Coalition reporting numerous strikes in Mosul during this period.</p>		
Analysis	<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 a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS YES, a video blog however it cannot be located. b) a general location, YES, Mosul, IZ AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES, October 20th 2016 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>		

- a) General Day, **YES, October 20th 2016**
 AND
 b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? **NO**

If yes to the two, then move to 6. If any are no, move to number 4.

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.

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.

4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re-assess. If no, then close the allegation.

5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? **YES** If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.

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.

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? If yes, move to 7. If no, close the allegation.

7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation.

Non-US Coalition Involvement	None
Decision	CJFLCC check for potentially corroborating strikes. If none found allegation will be closed at Initial Assessment. Conduct CCAR as appropriate for any corroborating strikes identified. UPDATE: CJFLCC completed a FIR which found no corroborating strikes.
Report Approved By:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</div>

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