



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
 COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE
 CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT
 APO AE 09306

IRCS

31 AUG 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 1204

1. (U) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. A thorough review of all available strike records indicates that it is more likely than not that the alleged civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 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. (~~S//REL~~) On 8 August 2016, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell received self-report indicating potential CIVCAS as a result of a strike on a bongo truck and building. On 6 August 2017, TF (b)(1) declared troops in contact at firebase Shaddadi (FBS) after two rounds of IDF impacted 50 meters east of FBS. TF (b)(1) elements identified the point of origin. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) identified one bongo truck move away from the POO site (slant 2/0/0) and travel directly to a building where the individuals parked. An assessed ISIS associate walked up and briefly conversed with the ISIS fighters before both fighters exited the vehicle. All three males went into the building (slant 3/0/0). The building was located in known ISIS territory, and the force assessed the location was being used for immediate shelter and potential resupply of lethal aid. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) conducted a strike on the building and the bongo truck, pursuant to US Self-Defense. During the weapon time of flight, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) observed one transient civilian 20 meters north of the targeted building and truck.

b. (~~S//REL~~) On 8 August 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell directed TF 94-7 to conduct a CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR).

c. (~~S//REL~~) On 18 August 2017, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3) 10 USC 1 approved the assessment, finding the allegation to be **NOT CREDIBLE**. TF 94-7 recommends no further action be taken.

3. (U) **CIVCAS Credibility Assessment**

a. (~~S//REL~~) Prior to the second splash, the civilian appeared to have run sufficiently outside the field of view. Post-strike, the civilian was observed standing 25 meters northwest of the splash site. No other civilian casualties were observed by or reported to US or SDF Forces.

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b. (~~S//REL~~) TF [redacted] complied with LOAC and the applicable ROE.

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. FIR Email
- 2. CCAR


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