

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

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| Allegation # | 1991 | | |
| Incident Date | 1/10/18 | Opened Date | 1/13/18 |
| Source(s) | WebOps | | |
| Source Type | Social Media | Location | Gharanij IVO Dayr al-Zur |
| Nearest Major City | Abu Kamal | MGRS | |
| Allegation Description | <p>Estimated Casualties – Killed: 20+, Injured: 30</p> <p>ALCON,</p> <p>(U) WebOps Iraq-Syria SPOT Report 11 JAN 1530Z 2018: ISIS' Nasher News Channels Report 20 CIVCAS from CF Airstrikes on Gharanij IVO Dayr al-Zur</p> <p>(U) At approximately 13:42 on 10 JAN 2017, ISIS' Nasher News channels on Telegram released a banner reporting that more than 20 were killed and 30 injured in a CF airstrike on the village of Gharanij in the Dayr al-Zur countryside [located between Abu Kamal and Mayadin on the east bank of the Euphrates]. At 21:39, Nasher News released a 36-second video reportedly showing the dead and injured in the American airstrike on Gharanij, with the video featuring charred bodies and damaged structures and vehicles. The news from the banner was repeated on Twitter and Facebook by some pro-ISIS Twitter users, pro-regime news outlets and users, and the prominent pro-regime journalist Hosein Mortada (@HoseinMortada). Pro-opposition local media outlet Euphrates Post (@EuphratesPost) reported that airstrikes likely originating with the CF targeted Gharanij and a number of civilians were killed but did not report any exact number.</p> <p>(U) Initial Assessment: This topic is trending and resonating at a low level in the Arabic IE with No mention of the US.</p> <p>(S//REL) WebOps Posture: RWIP assesses that direct engagement on this topic does not support CENTCOM objectives at this point in time due to a lack of information on this particular event. RWIP will continue to monitor the information environment for discussion of this topic and await further updates, providing an update if our posture changes.</p> <p>Is this in Airwars? No</p> | | |

1. Is this allegation a self-report? Yes

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If yes, add details of potentially corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.

2. Does the allegation actually allege CIVCAS?

—If yes, go to 3.a. If no, close the allegation.

3.a. Does the allegation state a single incident and/or location?

—If yes, move to 4. If no, move to 3.b.

3.b. Does the allegation contain specific information pairing each CIVCAS allegation with an independent location?

—If yes, separate the each of the combined allegations into separate allegations and restart an IA for each.

—If no, send a RFI in an attempt to break out the locations and casualties into separate allegations, restart the IA.

—If unable to RFI the allegor, go to 7.

4. Does the allegation contain:

a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range?

b) a specific location?

—If yes to BOTH, go to 7. If EITHER are no, then go to 5.

5. Does the allegation contain:

a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range?

b) a specific time of day or timeframe?

c) a general location?

—If yes to ALL three, then go to 7. If ANY are no, go to 6.

6. Does the allegation contain:

a) Video or photo evidence of CIVCAS that can be used to narrow the date/time or location of the allegation?

—If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.b.

b) Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation?

—If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.c.

c) Any high quality sources?

—If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.d.

d) Specific facts that warrant a search for strikes?

—If yes, go to 7. If no, close the allegation.

7.a. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to conduct a search for strikes?

—If yes, go to 8. If no, go to 7.b.

7.b. Explain in detail why there is insufficient information on the time, location, and details to conduct a search for strikes.

IZ & SY

MAT: 7 results

CAOC log: 13 results

CJTF log: 10 results

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CJFLCC log, -email (Start 18 MAY 2017):

SY

Tb(1) log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017):

8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? **Yes**

If yes, answer the questions below and task CCAR.

If no, provide a detailed explanation and close the allegation.

- **Given the information provided, a comprehensive 24 hour (10 Jun 17) search was conducted.**
- **Too many results were found to narrow alleged strikes.**

1. Assessed date of incident:

2. Location:

3. Potentially Corroborating Strike Information:

MGRS:

Strike Number:

DTG:

Target:

Dynamic/Deliberate:

Aircraft:

Call Sign:

Nationality:

Munitions & Number dropped:

Target Number:

TEA:

BE #:

Non-US Coalition Involvement:

Decision: Close at the IA due to insufficient information as to time, locations, and details to conduct an assessment of credibility.

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