

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1836		
Incident Date	2 Jul 17	Opened Date	31 Dec 17
Source(s)	Airwars		
Source Type	NGO	Location	Raqqa City, Raqqa Governorate, Syria
Nearest Major City	Raqqa	MGRS	(b)(1)1.4a
Allegation Description	<p>Estimated Casualties – Killed: 1 Injured: 0</p> <p>Source #1:</p> <p>July 2nd 2017: (S997) Al Kasrat or Ar Raqqa, Raqqa governorate, Syria Dr Ghazi Ali al Zumar (via Syrian Network)</p> <p>Summary: A civilian male identified as Dr Ghazi Ali al Zumar was killed in Raqqa. However there were conflicting reports as to how he died. Four of the seven sources reporting the incident alleged that the death was caused by SDF sniper fire. Meanwhile two sources claimed that Coalition airstrikes were to blame. One further source claimed that artillery fire was responsible, which would also be attributable to the Coalition. From reviewing the sources, sniper fire seems to be the most compelling cause of death, but the other allegations cannot be ruled out. Complicating reports further, the Syrian Network for Human Rights reported that Dr ali Zumar was actually shot on June 26th in the rural village Al Kasrat, but died in Raqqa of his wounds on July 2nd.</p> <p>Civilians reported killed: 1</p> <p>Civilians reported injured: Unknown</p> <p>Sources: Al Hasaka Arabea [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Network for Human Rights [Arabic] [Archived], @YPG_Violations [Arabic] [Archived], @24Raqqa [Arabic] [Archived], @Q_Alnezy [Arabic] [Archived], Sharqiya Voice [Arabic] [Archived], Ahmad al Shibli [Arabic] [Archived]</p> <p>Quality of reporting: Contested, likely to be SDF but allegations against Coalition also.</p>		

1. Is this allegation a self-report? **NO**
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? **YES**
If yes, go to 3.a. If no, close the allegation.

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3.a. Does the allegation state a single incident and/or location? **NO**

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? **NO**

Analyst Comment: This alleged CIVCAS may have taken place in Al Kasrat Village or an unspecified neighbourhood within Raqqa City. Cause of death is variously given as sniper fire, artillery or air strike.

Recommend that an RFI be submitted to Airwars asking for more specifics as to where exactly this took place, either Al Kasrat or Raqqa City. If the incident took place in Raqqa City, we need a neighbourhood and/or other details such as major thoroughfares, prominent landmarks or buildings near the site of the allegation.

In the event nothing further is received, suggest that this allegation be closed.

— 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 allexer, 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.

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MAT:

CAOC log:

CJTF log:

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

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

8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes?

—If yes, answer the questions below and task CCAR.

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

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: Although the allegation needs further information, Airwars has currently suspended their RFI responses to CJTF. Close at the IA due to insufficient information as to time, locations, and details to conduct an assessment of credibility.

Note: If in Raqqa, without neighborhood, there are 18 potential strikes. Close Insufficient Info.

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