

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	957		
Incident Date	05 MAR 17	Opened Date	15 SEP 17
Source(s)	Airwars		
Source Type	Media	Location	Ar Raqqa
Nearest Major City	Raqqa	MGRS	(b)(1)1.4a
Allegation Description	<p>Estimated Casualties – Killed: 0, Injured: 1</p> <p>Source #1: March 5th 2017: Ar Raqqa, Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: One civilian was reported injured in what appeared to have been a targeted strike on Ar Raqqa. According to Smart News, “Two members of Islamic State were killed and a civilian injured on Sunday, after aerial bombardment most likely by the international coalition on the city of Raqqa, northern Syria, according to a local source. The source said, that coalition aircraft targeted a van belonging to the organization [ISIL], in CIF State Street in the city, which led to the deaths of two fighters and the wounding of a civilian who was close to the scene of the bombing.” On April 30th 2016 the Coalition classed the event as ‘not credible’, noting: “March 5, 2017, near Raqqa, via social media report: No Coalition strikes were conducted on that day in the geographic area of the reported civilian casualties.” Civilians reported killed: 0 Civilians reported injured: 1 Sources: Smart News [Arabic] [Archived], Coalition monthly casualty report (May 2017), Quality of reporting: Weak – single source</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.

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

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? **YES**

b) a specific location? **NO**

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? **YES**

b) a specific time of day or timeframe? **NO**

c) a general location? **YES**

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?
NO

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? **NO**

If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.c.

c) Any high quality sources? **YES**

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? **NO**

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.

- The allegation does not specify which area within Raqqa the CIVCAS event occurred in. As such, it is not reasonable to say any one strike in Raqqa corroborates the allegation.
- Airwars also makes a note that the Coalition has already denied the event, saying that the event has been discounted on their website.

~~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:
TFA:
BE #:

IZ & SY
MAT:
CAOC log:
CJTF log:

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

SY
TC log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017):

Non-US Coalition Involvement: N/A

Decision: Close the IA due to insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility.

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