

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1235		
Source(s)	Micro-Syria News Agency, Raqqa is Being Silently Slaughtered, Airwars	Date Received	21 AUG 17
Casualty Estimate	Killed: nearly 30 Injured: 0		
Incident Date	17 AUG 17		
Location	Muawiya neighborhood, eastern Raqqa (MGRS: (b)(1)1.4a)		
Allegation	<p>Source #1: (U) 17 August 2017. Micro-Syria News Agency reported the Official “Raqqa silent slaughter” page on Facebook accused the international CF airstrikes of killing nearly 30 people at Muawiya neighborhood in eastern Raqqa. The report claimed eleven people been identified, mostly from al-Sayer family.</p> <p>Is this in Airwars? YES August 17th 2017: (S1206) Mu’awiya school area/ Mal’ab Al-Aswad area, معاوية مدرسة, Raqqa city, Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: Thirty civilians including four children and two women from three families died and dozens more were injured in an alleged Coalition airstrike on Raqqa, according to local sources. Reports said that the entire Al-Sayer family died in the strike – along with multiple members of other families. There was, however, some confusion about the location of the event. According to Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently – who put the death toll at 30 – the Al-Sayer family died in the Mu’awiya school area. However, Ahmad Shbli reported that the family were killed in a strike on the Mal’ab Al-Aswad area, along with Idan al-Abo al-Issa and his wife. Sharqiya Voice, also blaming the Coalition, said that the Al-Sayer family died in the Mu’awiya school district. Sound and Picture provided the most detail on the event, reporting that “30 civilians were killed and dozens were injured in an air strike by the International Air Force aircraft targeting a residential building near the school of Muawiya bin Abi Sufian in the neighborhood of unity in the city of Raqqa. Three civilian families were killed in a coalition air strike targeting the building in which they live, totalling least 30 people, most of them women and children. The correspondent denied the existence of any IS headquarters in the building.” Victims were named as: Mahmoud Lafi Al – Sayer Rawda Lafi Al – Sayer Amira Lafi Al – Sayer Marwan Barakat Lafi Al – Sayer</p>		

	<p>His wife Hanadi Khalaf al-Sabaa Muthanna Marwan Barakat Al – Sayer Tayma Marwan Barakat Al – Sayer – female, child Hamza Marwan Barakat Al – Sayer – child Basma Marwan Barakat Al – Sayer – female, child Rahma Marwan Barakat Al-Sayer – female, chil Azzam Marwan Barakat Al – Sayer Idan al-Abo al-Issa and his wife Ibrahim Hassan Al Awad Yahya Hassan Al Awad Sumaya Yahya Hassan Al Awad Hajj Hussein Abdo al – Kurdi Saced Mohammed Al Mahmoud Yasser Al – Humaidi Civilians reported killed: 30, including 4 children and 2 women Civilians reported injured: 12-36 Sources: Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (RBSS) [Arabic], [Archived], Ahmad Shbli [Arabic], [Archived], Ahmad Shbli (2) [Arabic], [Archived], Ahmad Shbli (3) [Arabic], [Archived], RBSS (2) [Arabic], [Archived], RBSS (3) [Arabic], [Archived], Ahmad Shbli (4) [Arabic], [Archived], Sharqiya Voice [Arabic], [Archived], Sharqiya Voice (2) [Arabic], [Archived], Hasaka Rasd [Arabic], [Archived], Hasaka Rasd (2) [Arabic], [Archived], Hasaka Rasd (3) [Arabic], [Archived], Sound and Picture [Arabic], [Archived], Sound and Picture (2) [Arabic], [Archived],</p> <p>Quality of reporting: Fair – though some confusion on location</p>
<p>Analysis</p>	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2. NO</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS? NO b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; YES, Raqqa, SY AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES <p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) General Day, 17 AUG 17 AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO <p>If yes to the two, then move to 6. If any are no, move to number 4.</p> <p>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)? If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5. NO</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source (well known/credible news source) OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR, i.e., a way to narrow down a reasonable list of strikes to assess. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.c.</p>

~~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? If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b. **YES**

~~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? 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. **YES**

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

1. Assessed date of incident: 17 AUG 17

2. Location: Muawiya/Ma'lab Al-Aswad

3. Corroborating strikes:

MGRS:

Strike Number:

DTG:

Target:

Dynamic/Deliberate:

Aircraft:

Call Sign:

Nationality:

Munitions:

Number dropped:

Target Number:

TEA:

IZ & SY

MAT, 0 results

CJTF log, 0 results

CJTF kmz, 0 results

CAOC log, 0 results

IZ

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

SY

~~T0110g, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017), 0 results~~

Non-US Coalition Involvement	N/A
Decision	Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Searched a 72-hour period prior to the date of reporting (15-17 AUG 17) in the area of Mashlab. Mashlab was the closest name to Ma'lab discovered. Mashlab is also the same as Al Mamoun.• Zero strikes were recorded within a 2.55 km radius of Mashlab in eastern Raqqa.
Report Approved By:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</div>

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