



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

IRCS

24 November 2017

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 1245

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 25 August 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell received a self-report of potential CIVCAS as a result of a strike IVO Raqqah, Syria.

b. (S//REL) On 4 September 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell directed TF 94-7 to conduct a CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR).

c. (S//REL) On 17 November 2017, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) 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) On 24 August 2017, from (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) had eyes on an ISIS storage Facility. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) observed ISIS personnel loading and unloading material from a cargo truck into the facility.

b. (S//REL) At (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) was passed a 9-LINE to strike the ISIS Storage Facility under Rule of Engagement (ROE) (b)(1)1.4a. At (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) employed (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1 on the target facility.

c. (S//REL) During post-strike analysis, a previously unobserved male was seen walking towards the entrance on the target building immediately prior to weapons impact. At (b)(1)1.4a, after the post-blast smoke cleared, a body was observed motionless in the street as other adult males fled from the scene of the strike.

d. (S//REL) Based on the (b)(1)1.4c and large volume of Push-to-Talk radio communication, it was assessed to a reasonable degree of certainty that the adult males seen in the immediate area of the strike were ISIS. Review of the strike footage

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revealed that the adult male appeared to be entering the target facility at the time of impact.

e. (~~S//REL~~) No civilian casualties were reported to US or SDF Forces. Based on a review of all reasonably available information, TF [redacted] assessed the alleged 1 x adult male as EKIA. TF [redacted] complied with the 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. Initial Assessment  
2. CCAR

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