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CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1097		
Incident Date	31-Mar-17	Opened Date	19-SEP-17
Source(s)	Airwars.org		
Source Type	Social Media	Location	Raqqa
Nearest Major City	Raqqa	MGRS	(b)(1):1.4a
Allegation Description	<p>Estimated Casualties – Killed: unknown, Injured: 2</p> <p>Source #1: March 31st 2017: Raqqa city, Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: According to the Smart News Agency, two civilians were wounded in an alleged Coalition airstrike on Raqqa. Smart reported: “A local source told the Smart correspondent on Friday that 10 members of the Islamic State were killed and wounded, in addition to the wounding of two civilians by the bombing of warplanes likely to be the coalition on the city of Raqqa. “The source pointed out that the aircraft launched raids on the old cultural center, the governor’s building and the central bank in the city of Raqqa, killing four members of the organization and wounding six others, who were transferred to the National Hospital of Raqqa, according to a medical source, in addition to wounding two civilians.” Civilians reported killed: Unknown Civilians reported injured: 2 Sources: Smart News Agency [Arabic], [Archived], Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (RBSS) Arabic], [Archived], Quality of reporting: Weak – currently single source</p> <p>RFI Response: The source did not specify between the locations mentioned when discussing the wounding of civilians. However, the locations are all in the center of Raqqah: Old cultural center (القديم الثقافي المركز)x: 35.951112, 39.009489 [exact location] the governor's building (المحافظ مبنى)x: 35.945517, 39.011099 [exact location] the central bank (المركزي البنك)x: 35.941667, 39.010823 [exact location]</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? **NO**
If yes, move to 4. If no, move to 3.b.

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3.b. Does the allegation contain specific information pairing each CIVCAS allegation with an independent location? **NO; however, the locations are adjacent to each other.**

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? **YES**

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? **YES**

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: 0 results

CAOC log: 0 results

CJTF log: 0 results

IZ

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

SY

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

8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? **NO**

If yes, answer the questions below and task CCAR.

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

- Searched a 48-hour period (30-31 MAR 17) on/around the allegedly struck buildings.
- Zero strikes were found within 100 m of the buildings in question.

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: N/A

Decision: Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.

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