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 COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE  
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 APO AE 09306

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## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 533

1. (U) **BLUF**. Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. Due to the allegation being from a single, low quality source and the lack of specific, particularized information, there is insufficient information to make an assessment of credibility. 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. (U) On 13 June 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported Sunni pro- and anti-Gol social media users and regional media outlets circulated news and reports via Twitter and Facebook that CF airstrikes killed and injured 17 civilians in the al-Shifa' neighborhood, western Mosul, according to a "source in Nineveh Operations Command." The reports cited a source as saying that the airstrikes were conducted in error. Sunni pro- and anti-Gol users reposted this report followed by additional reports saying that the strikes caused dozens of CIVCAS and injured some of which were trapped under the rubble of destroyed buildings. At time of reporting, pro-ISIS users had not exploited the topic. This topic trended and resonated at low level in the Arabic IE.

b. (S//REL FVEY) On 16 May 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an initial assessment and determined to close this allegation at the Initial Assessment stage.

3. (S//REL TO FVEY) **CJTF Initial Assessment**

a. (U) Airwars.org did not have a corroborating allegation.

b. (U) The allegation lacks video/photo evidence of CIVCAS; lacks a specific location, and lacks a specific time. Moreover, although Sunni pro- and anti-Gol social media users commented on the allegation, they all circulated the same report. Therefore, allegation is derived from a single, low quality source, and due to a lack of independent reporting, this allegation lacks the indicia of credibility necessary to move to a CCAR.

c. (U) Accordingly, CIVCAS Cell recommended this allegation be closed because there is insufficient information to make an assessment of credibility.

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 b 3 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

2 Encls  
 1. Initial Assessment  
 2. Screen Shot

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