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CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT  
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23 JUL 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 537

1. (U) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. There is insufficient information as to time, location, and details 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 19 JUN 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported: Pro-Syrian opposition activist Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (RBSS) (@Raqqa.SL) circulated images of dead children and claimed that they were killed by SDF and CF shelling and strikes on Raqqa. Most pro-Syrian opposition users were condemnatory while a few cursed those responsible. A pro-Syrian opposition Facebook user (ibraheem.shaheen.58) resented the circulation of the dead children's images and considered a particular image of a dead child with a large hole in his head as disrespectful and warned that it could lead others to exploit it. This topic trended and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE.

b. (~~S//REL FVEY~~) According to Airwars on 19 JUN 2017, one civilian male was killed following alleged Coalition airstrikes on Raqqa, Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently reported. The source identified the victim as Suleiman al Saleh al Thamiir, but provided no further details. Civilians reported killed: 1; Civilians reported injured: Unknown; Sources: Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently [Arabic] [Archived] Quality of reporting: Weak – currently single source

c. (~~S//REL FVEY~~) On 19 JUN 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an Initial Assessment and recommended closing the allegation due to insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility.

3. (U) **CJTF Initial Assessment**

a. (~~S//REL FVEY~~) The WebOps allegation stems from a single source, Pro-Syrian opposition activist Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (RBSS) (@Raqqa.SL). Although a number of other users commented on the allegation, none provided independent reports.

b. (~~S//REL FVEY~~) The WebOps allegation included pictures of children allegedly killed by SDF and CF shelling evidence of CIVCAS. Neither the allegation or pictures provide any information as to time of day or specific location, e.g., MGRS, neighborhood or specific building.

c. (~~S//REL FVEY~~) The Airwars allegation identified one civilian male who was claimed to be killed by CF airstrikes. The allegation contained no information as to time of day or specific location, eg MGRS, building, neighborhood.

f. (~~S//REL FVEY~~) Accordingly, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell recommended closing this allegation at the Initial Assessment due to insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility in a city the size of Raqqa with significant fighting at the time.

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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)(5)

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1. Initial Assessment

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