

## CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

<b>Allegation #</b>	756		
<b>Source(s)</b>	AIRWARS	<b>Date Received</b>	24 JUN 2017
<b>Casualty Estimate</b>	4 killed, 7-14 injured		
<b>Incident Date</b>	Afternoon of 25 NOV 2016		
<b>Location</b>	Qortoba village, Raqqa governorate, Syria IVO (b)(1),1,4a		
<b>Allegation</b>	<p><b>November 25th 2016: قرطبة قرية Qortoba village, Raqqa governorate, Syria</b>  Summary: Four civilians were killed in a reported afternoon airstrike on Qortoba village, as a heavy Coalition/ SDF campaign against ISIL continued.  Al A' Amaq Media reported two deaths initially. According to Syria News Desk, "Coalition aircraft bombed three houses in the centre of Qahtaniyah, killing four civilians including a child, and injuring more than 14 others, including six dangerous situations, were taken by residents to the National hospital of Raqqa in addition to the destruction of two houses completely and damaging three others nearby houses and material damage to other large property."  Raqqa is Being Slaughtered named the following civilian fatalities:  Mohammad al Yassin from Hazima  Saleh Mohammad Al Moheissan  Jamal al Hamad Al Majil – child (pictured below)  Civilians reported killed: 4, including 1 child  Civilians reported injured: 7-14  Sources: Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (1) [Arabic] [Archived], Al A' Amaq Media (ISIL-controlled) [Arabic] [Archived], Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (3) [Arabic] [Archived], Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (4) [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Archived], Syrian News Desk [Arabic] [Archived], Qasioun [Arabic] [Archived], Baladi News [Arabic] [Archived], Step News [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Network for Human Rights [Archived], Coalition civcas report (February 2017),  <b>Quality of Reporting: Fair</b></p>		
<b>Analysis</b>	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? <b>NO</b>. If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include  a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS <b>NO</b>  b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. <b>Unable to find a Qotoba in Raqqa govenorate. Searching similar spellings and an old Syrian census listing of villages and towns found a Cordoba in eastern Syria in the Tel Hamis sub-district. AND</b></p>		

	<p>c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? <b>25 NOV 2016</b> 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 a) General Day, <b>YES</b> AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? <b>NO</b></p> <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)? <b>NO</b>. If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source <b>OR</b> does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.c.</p> <p>4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re-assess. If no, then close the allegation.</p> <p>5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? <b>YES</b> If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.</p> <p>5.b. Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation, <b>OR</b> does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR? If yes, move to 6. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? <b>NO. Unable to find the Qortoba in the Raqqa governorate using SIPR and NIPR resources searching the English and Arabic spelling. A Syrian census listing of villages and towns shows a similarly spelled town of Cordoba IVO [REDACTED] (b)(1)1.4a. There were no strikes IVO Cordoba on or around the day of the allegation.</b> 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.</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation. <b>NO</b>.</p> <p><b>1. Assessed date of incident:</b></p> <p><b>2. Location:</b></p> <p><b>3. Corroborating strikes:</b></p>
<b>Non-US Coalition Involvement</b>	

<b>Decision</b>	Close at IA; insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility.
<b>Report Approved By:</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 1306; (b)(6)</div>

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