

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	894		
Source(s)	Airwars.org	Date Received	20-AUG-17
Casualty Estimate	Killed: 2 Injured: 1		
Incident Date	15 FEB 17, on Wednesday		
Location	Road from al Omar to Karama Raqqa or Deir Ezzor governorate, Syria		
Allegation	<p>Source #1: February 15th 2017: Road from al Omar to Karama, Raqqa or Deir Ezzor governorate, Syria Summary: A single source reported the deaths of two civilian truck drivers in a Coalition airstrike. According to Smart News "Two people were killed on Wednesday, in raids by international coalition aircraft on the eastern countryside of Raqqa... Sources said that international coalition aircraft targeted two trucks being used to transport oil, loaded with more than 340 barrels, on the road to the town of Karama, east of Raqqa coming from al Omar oil field in Deir Ezzor, which led to burning them, killing a truck driver and his assistant while the second driver survived and the operations to put the fires out are still underway." No additional details are presently known. Civilians reported killed: 2 Civilians reported injured: 1 Sources: Smart News [Arabic] [Archived], Quality of reporting: Weak – presently single source</p>		
Analysis	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2. NO</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS? NO b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; NO, it says a road in Raqqa or Deir Ezzor governorate, SY. AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES 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, YES AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO 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)? If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5. YES</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source (well-known/credible news source) OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR, i.e., a way to narrow down a reasonable list of strikes to assess. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.c. NO</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. NO</p> <p>5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? 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, OR 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? 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.</p> <p><u>IZ & SY</u> MAT, 0 strikes CJTF log, 0 strikes CJTF kmz, 0 strikes CAOC log, 0 strikes</p> <p><u>SY</u> Tb(1) log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017), N/A</p>
Non-US Coalition Involvement	None
Decision	<p>Close the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no strikes in or around main roads between Raqqa and Dayr Az Zawr governates. • There are no potentially corroborating strikes in the alleged area.
Report Approved By:	(b)(3) 10 USC 130z; (b)(6)

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