

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	682		
Source(s)	Airwars	Date Received	20 June 2017
Casualty Estimate	At Least 15 civilians were killed		
Incident Date	19 – 21 Oct 2016		
Location	Duquq, IZ IVO (b)(1)1.4a		
Allegation	<p>1. Description of allegation: October 21st 2016: Duquq, Kirkuk province, Iraq Summary: At least 15 civilians – most or all women – were killed and 45 or more wounded by an airstrike which hit a Shi'ite shrine in Duquq, according to local sources. The Coalition later categorically denied that it was responsible for the event, with Iraqi aircraft most likely at fault.</p> <p>Local official Amir Huda Karam told the AFP that “fifteen women were killed and another 50 wounded in a raid that targeted a Shiite place of worship at Dakuk.”</p> <p>The Middle East Eye noted that the strike took place as “IS launched a major attack on the city of Kirkuk on Friday” which they said killed 18 members of the security forces. Duquq is roughly 30km south of the city of Kirkuk. Neither the AFP or Middle East Eye identified who carried out the strike.</p> <p>However Yagein blamed the Coalition, and further reported that the strike hit a funeral, resulting in the deaths of “ten women... and a number of men.” Other outlets, including Iraqi Spring and Alghadeer TV also blamed the Coalition, and noted the victims were mostly women. Photographs posted by the Duquq Photographers Union showed a heavily damaged building, the front of which was destroyed.</p> <p>On October 23rd, the chief Coalition spokesman stated on Twitter that “.@CJTFOIR has determined definitively that we did not conduct the airstrike w/reported civilian casualties in Daquq.” Al Araby later reported that an Iraqi Sukhoi had been responsible for the attack – and that the pilot and navigator were now under investigation.</p> <p>Civilians reported killed: 15 or more, mostly women Civilians reported injured: 45-50</p> <p>Sources: AFP [Archived], Yagein [Arabic] [Archived], Middle East Eye [Archived], Dabuq Photographers Union [Arabic] [Archived], Alghadeer TV [Arabic] [Archived], Basma Press [Arabic] [Archived], Iraqi Spring Media Center [Archived], Atheer al Rammahi [Arabic] [Archived], Iraqis al Ghad, [Arabic] [Archived], Coalition tweet, VIDEO Russia Today Arabic, Al Araby [Arabic] [Archived].</p> <p>Quality of Reporting: Discounted. While several sources blamed the Coalition, and the Coalition was actively supporting security operations in locations nearby, the chief spokesman later insisted the Coalition was not responsible. The Iraqi Air Force and Turkey are also active in northern Iraq at the time.</p>		

<p>Analysis</p>	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? NO If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO b) a general location, YES, Duquq, IZ IVO (b)(1)1.4a AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? <p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) General Day, YES, 19 – 21 October 2016 AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO <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)? NO If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source OR 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? YES 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? YES 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>MAT (MISREP Analysis Tool) yielded no results. CJTF-OIR Strike Tracker yielded no results. CJTF CJ34 Strike KMZ yielded no results. CAOC Strike log yielded no results.</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? NO If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation.</p>
<p>Non-US Coalition Involvement</p>	<p>None</p>

Decision	Close at IA; insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.
Report Approved By:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 1306, (b)(6)</div>

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