



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE
CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT
APO AE 09306

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 525

1. **(U) BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. There were no potentially corroborating strikes; there is insufficient information to corroborate the allegation. 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 5 June 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported Starting on 10 JUN, mainly Sunni anti-Gol, US, and ISF social media on Twitter and Facebook circulated news and reports that "Airstrikes, which are believed to be CF, buried 20 civilians in Western Mosul." These users said the airstrikes occurred in al-Bursah area, which is located between al-Zanjili (north) and Mosul old city (south). Although these users claimed that the CIVCAS included women and children, none of these users posted any images or videos of the alleged CIVCAS. Sunni pro and anti-Gol users expressed their sympathy with Muslawis in western Mosul wishing those 20 individuals safety. Pro-ISIS users did not comment on or exploit the news. This topic trended at a high level and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE.

b. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) On 21 June 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an Initial Assessment and determined to close the allegation at that stage.

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

a. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) Airwars.org did not contain a corroborating allegation

b. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) The allegation did not include picture or video evidence of CIVCAS. Moreover, the allegation did not provide a specific location, e.g., MGRS, name of building.

c. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) Although the allegation is from multiple sources, none of the sources are high quality, credible sources. In addition, the allegation consisted of less than three corroborating sources that independently reported the allegation; Twitter and Facebook users circulated the same language.

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d. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) None of the sources provided specific facts that warrant a CCAR. Although a neighborhood was provided, the allegation did not provide a specific day, or other specific details that would allow the CIVCAS team to narrow down potentially corroborating strikes.

d. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) Accordingly, CIVCAS Cell recommended this allegation be closed due to 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)

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1. Initial Assessment
2. Screen Shot

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