



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

IRCS

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation no. 385

1. (U) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE.** 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 15 March 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported Al-Jazeera (@AJBreaking) reported that CF airstrikes caused 29 CIVCAS in western Mosul. Comments on Al-Jazeera's Twitter post generally criticized Al-Jazeera's credibility as a reporting agency. Shortly thereafter, a local media outlet, The Baghdad Post (@TheBaghdadPost), tweeted an article reporting that CF airstrikes that caused 29 CIVCAS targeted an ISIS stronghold in the al-Saha neighborhood near Baghdad Street. According to the report, targeted locations were filled with munitions which led to secondary explosions that destroyed nearby homes. This topic trended and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE.

3. (U) **CJTF-OIR CIVCAS CELL's Initial Assessment**

a. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) Following the receipt of this allegation, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an initial assessment of the allegation and concluded that allegation referred to the al-Safa neighborhood. The closest strike was (b)(1)1.4 and was over 1km away. There were a few other strikes, specifically (b)(1)1.4a but none of the engagements are within 1km of al-Safa. CJTF CIVCAS Cell determined that there were no corroborating strikes.

c. (U) The CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell recommended closing this allegation.

3. (U) **Action.**

(U) I direct closure of this CIVCAS incident and that CJTF-OIR PAO publish the CIVCAS finding in a press release as soon as practicable.

4. (U) **Point of contact is** (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(5)

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 1. FIR
 2. Screen Shot


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