

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

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| Allegation # | 763 | | |
| Source(s) | AIRWARS | Date Received | 20 JUN 2017 |
| Casualty Estimate | 9-21 killed, 13 wounded | | |
| Incident Date | 3 DEC 2016 | | |
| Location | Al Qaim, Anbar Province, Iraq (IVO MGRS: (b)(1)1.4a) | | |
| Allegation | <p>If yes, Title: December 3rd 2016, Al Qaim, Anbar Province, Iraq</p> <p>Synopsis: At least nine civilians, including women and children, were reported killed and several others wounded due to alleged Coalition strikes, according to local sources. Yaqein reported that the Coalition killed 21 civilians, "mostly women and children" and wounded ten others included 7 children. A source told Yaqein that "the bombing focused on the areas of Saada and al-Obeidi," and destroyed four houses along with seven cars belonging to civilians. Muntathar al Zaidi Al Harari put the number of injured at 13. News of Iraq put the death toll at 9 (all from one family), while Al Gharbia reported that 12 civilians had died and identified one victim – a child named Ayham Ibrahim Jassam. In an emailed response to a report submitted by Airwars on this and other incidents in December 2016, Coalition officials said the event was presently assessed as 'Not credible.'</p> <p>Civilians reported killed: 9-21 Civilians reported injured: 13</p> <p>Sources: Yaqein [Arabic] [Archived], الحريري الزبيدي منتظر [Arabic] [Archived], News of Iraq [Arabic] [Archived], News of Iraq (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Al Gharbia Press [Arabic] [Archived], Al Gharbia Press (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Al Qaim Al Hadath [Arabic] [Archived].</p> <p>Quality of reporting: Fair – though Coalition does not report strikes in the exact area. ASSESSED INCIDENT</p> <p>Coalition position: For December 2nd-3rd, the Coalition reported no strikes near Al Qaim but reported "Near Rawah, one strike destroyed a VBIED factory." For December 3rd-4th, the Coalition reported no strikes near Al Qaim but reported "Near Rawah, one strike destroyed an ISIL VBIED factory."</p> <p>Quality of Reporting: Fair NCSR</p> | | |
| Analysis | <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> <p>a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO; Does include a picture of a boy named Ayham Ibrahim Jassam identified as a victim.</p> <p>b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. Areas of Saada and Al-Obeidi AND</p> <p>c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? 3 DEC 2016</p> | | |

If yes to all three, move to 6. If any are no, then move to number 3.

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.

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.

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.

4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re-assess. If no, then close the allegation.

5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? **YES** If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.

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.

6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? **YES – once source identified two areas (Saada and Al Obeidi) IVO Al Qaim. The allegation does not specify whether the alleged casualties were from a single strike or were the result of multiple munitions effects across the two neighborhoods though No details about if a single or multiple structures were affected or what time of day it occurred.** I.e., does it provide enough information to determine the date within 48 hours; 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.

7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation. **NO – No corroborating strikes IVO of Al Qaim between 1 – 3 December 2016**

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| Non-US Coalition Involvement | |
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| Decision | Close at IA; insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation. |
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| Report Approved By: | (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(f) |
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