

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

<b>Allegation #</b>	1197		
<b>Source(s)</b>	WebOps	<b>Date Received</b>	7-AUG-17
<b>Casualty Estimate</b>	Killed: allegation states "several" and "dozens" and "a number"		
<b>Incident Date</b>	1 - 3 AUG 17		
<b>Location</b>	Al-Qaim, IZ		
<b>Allegation</b>	<p><b>1. Source #1:</b></p> <p><b>(U) CIVCAS Claims from CF Airstrikes in the Karablah Area, Al-Qa'im, Western Anbar: Sunni pro- and anti-GoI social media users and regional media outlets circulated news via Facebook and Twitter that CF airstrikes killed several civilians, including the children from one family, in the Karablah area in al-Qa'im, western Anbar. Sunni pro-GoI Facebook user (AlkhalidyaAlhadath) stated that, according to an eye witness, the airstrikes killed a five-year old girl and left two more children from the same family with critical wounds. Some users said the airstrikes targeted the industrial area in Karablah. Sunni users in general were neutral about the airstrikes expressing their hopes for the safety of innocent civilians. Some said the CF targeted the industrial area where no civilian residents live; whereas others claimed that CF never bombards ISIS but rather the civilians. This topic trended and resonated at a medium level in the Arabic IE.</b></p> <p><b>2. Is this in Airwars? YES</b></p> <p><b>August 2nd 2017: (I620) Karabla, Qaem, west of Anbar province, Iraq</b></p> <p><b>Summary: Dozens of civilians were reported killed in airstrikes on Karabla, Qaem, local media reported – though it was unclear who was responsible.</b></p> <p>According to Yaqein, "A number of civilians, including children, were killed and wounded after warplanes targeted al-Qa'im west of Anbar in light of continued attacks by joint forces supported by the international coalition.</p> <p>'The warplanes targeted civilian houses in the Karabla district of al-Qaim district in western Anbar,' Yaqein's correspondent said.</p> <p>'The air strikes killed and injured a number of civilians, including children from one family,' he said.</p> <p>It is noteworthy that the joint forces and their militias supported by the international coalition aircraft are carrying out a suffocating siege against the areas they are trying to storm and indiscriminate bombing, which kills dozens of civilians, mostly women and children."</p> <p>Anbar Voice reported that "dozens of civilians died in bombing by warplanes in the areas of Karabla and Alsnjk and Al-Amin district of the province of Qaim". It didn't identify the planes.</p> <p>Qaem City Today named victims as:</p> <p>Hana Amer Saleh Tlaa al-Rawi – a young girl</p>		

	<p>and the wounding of her brother, Zaid Amer Saleh Tlaa al-Rawi Civilians reported <b>killed: 12-24</b>, including 1 child Civilians reported <b>injured: At least 1</b> Sources: Yaqein [Arabic], [Archived], Anbar Voice [Arabic], [Archived], Sajnl [Arabic], [Archived], Qaem City Today [Arabic], [Archived], <b>Quality of reporting: Contested</b></p>
<p><b>Analysis</b></p>	<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. <b>NO</b></p> <p>2. Does the allegation include a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS <b>YES</b> b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; <b>YES</b> <b>AND</b> c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? <b>YES</b> 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, <b>AND</b> b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building?  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. 4.b. Is the single source a high quality source (well-known/credible news source) <b>OR</b> 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. 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? 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, <b>OR</b> 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. <b>YES</b></p> <p><b>IZ &amp; SY</b> <b>MAT, 0</b> <b>CAOC log, 0</b> <b>CJTF kmz, 0</b> <b>CJTF log, 0</b></p>

	<p><u>IZ</u> CJFLCC log, -, 0</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation. <b>NO</b></p>	
<b>Non-US Coalition Involvement</b>	None	
<b>Decision</b>	Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are no strikes in or around Karablah, Iraq.</li></ul>	
<b>Report Approved By:</b>	<table border="1"><tr><td data-bbox="324 766 690 808">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</td></tr></table>	(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)
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