



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

IRCS

12 April 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation no. 404

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 31 March 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported pro-Syrian opposition media outlet Shahbapress (@ShahbaPress) circulated news that, according to activists, CF airstrikes allegedly killed and injured about fifty civilians in the village of al-Sabha, on the outskirts of Dayr al-Zur. Pro-Syrian opposition users retweeted the news without commenting. 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 found that the nearest strikes, strikes (b)(1)1.4a were 17 Km away from al-Sabha village.

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)(6)

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 1. FIR
 2. Screen Shot


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