

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	720		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	26 MAY 2017
Casualty Estimate	UNK KILLED 2 + INJURED		
Incident Date	9 NOV 2016		
Location	Khaniz village, Raqqa governorate, Syria		
Allegation	<p>1. Source #1: Description</p> <p>2. Source #2: Description</p> <p>3. Is this in Airwars? YES If Yes, copy and paste entire allegation: November 9th 2016: خانيز قرية Khaniz village, Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: One outlet, Step News Agency, reported a Coalition raid at noon local time that caused "civilian casualties and a new massacre." There are currently no further details. Civilians reported killed: unknown Civilians reported injured: 2 or more Sources: Step News Agency [Arabic] [Archived]. Quality of reporting: Poor – single sourced</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</p> <p>b) a general location, e.g., Tabqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; YES</p> <p>AND</p> <p>c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES</p> <p>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</p> <p>a) General Day, YES</p> <p>AND</p> <p>b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO</p> <p>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)? YES If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source (well-known/credible news source) YES OR 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.</p> <p>4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? NO 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.</p> <p>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.</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.</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation.</p> <p>1. Assessed date of incident:</p> <p>2. Location:</p> <p>3. Corroborating strikes:</p>
Non-US Coalition Involvement	
Decision	<p>Closed at IA; insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility</p> <p>OCT-DEC insufficient info closure MEMO</p>
Report Approved By:	