

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	765		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	21 JUN 2017
Casualty Estimate	1 killed, 2 or more wounded		
Incident Date	5 DEC 2016		
Location	Al Hazimah, Northern Raqqah Governorate, Syria (IVO MGRS)		b. 1.1.4a
Allegation	<p>1. Description of allegation: 2. Is this in Airwars? YES If yes, Title: December 5th 2016: الحزيمة Al Hazima, northern Raqqah governorate, Syria Synopsis: A woman was reported killed and several injured during an alleged Coalition strike on al Hazima. According to LCCSY, "international coalition warplanes target the town of #Hazima to the north of the city where a civilian was martyred and several others were injured." In an emailed response to a report submitted by Airwars on this and other incidents in December 2016, Coalition officials said the event had been submitted "for further review." Civilians reported killed: 1, a woman Civilians reported injured: 2 or more Sources: LCCSY [Archived], Al Natek [Arabic] [Archived], Shaam News [Arabic] [Archived], Syria Revolutionaries Gathering [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian PC [Arabic] [Archived], Quality of reporting: Fair. INCIDENT UNDER ASSESSMENT Coalition position: For December 4th-5th 2016 the Coalition reported that "Near Ar Raqqah, three strikes [1 British with others] engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed a weapons production facility, a vehicle, and a bulldozer." For December 5th-6th it reported: "Near Ar Raqqah, three strikes engaged three ISIL tactical units and destroyed a fighting position."</p> <p>Quality of Reporting: Fair</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., Tabaqali, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. Allegation mentions coalition warplanes activity in the town of Hazimah AND</p> <p>c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? 5 DEC 2016</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 a) General Day, YES AND 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)? NO If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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? NO 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. YES</p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility. No, the allegation mentions coalition airstrike in the town of Al Hazimah. The coordinates provided by Airwars represents the Al Hazimah city center. The allegation does not specify whether the alleged casualties were from a single strike or were the result of multiple munitions effects. 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 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. YES – There were multiple strikes within a 1 km radius of Al Haziman city center between 3-5 December 2016. However, not enough specificity in the allegation to investigate further.</p>
<p>Non-US Coalition Involvement</p>	
<p>Decision</p>	<p>Close at IA; insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.</p>
<p>Report Approved By:</p>	<p>(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</p>

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