

**CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT**

<b>Allegation #</b>	1937		
<b>Incident Date</b>	21 Jul 17	<b>Opened Date</b>	15 Jan 18
<b>Source(s)</b>	Airwars		
<b>Source Type</b>	NGO	<b>Location</b>	Raqqa City, Raqqa Governorate, Syria
<b>Nearest Major City</b>	Raqqa	<b>MGRS</b>	(b)(1)1.4a
<b>Allegation Description</b>	<p><b>Estimated Casualties – Killed: 1 Injured: 0</b></p> <p><b>Source #1:</b></p> <p><b>July 21st 2017: (S1094) الرقة Raqqa, Raqqa governorate, Syria Mr Abdullah al-Rihawi</b>  <b>Summary:</b> One civilian male, <b>Abdullah al-Rihawi</b>, was killed in an alleged <b>Coalition airstrike on Raqqa</b> according to local media. All sources blamed the Coalition, though offered little detail on the event.  <b>Civilians reported killed: 1</b>  <b>Civilians reported injured: unknown</b>  <b>Sources:</b> Abumuaazalraqqa [Arabic], [Archived], Sharqiya Voice [Arabic], [Archived], Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (RBSS) [Arabic], [Archived], Ahmad Shibli [Arabic], [Archived],  <b>Quality of reporting: Fair</b> – though few details.</p>		

1. Is this allegation a self-report? **NO**  
If yes, add details of potentially corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.
2. Does the allegation actually allege CIVCAS? **YES**  
If yes, go to 3.a. If no, close the allegation.
- 3.a. Does the allegation state a single incident and/or location? **YES**  
If yes, move to 4. If no, move to 3.b.
- 3.b. Does the allegation contain specific information pairing each CIVCAS allegation with an independent location?  
If yes, separate the each of the combined allegations into separate allegations and restart an IA for each.  
If no, send a RFI in an attempt to break out the locations and casualties into separate allegations, restart the IA.  
If unable to RFI the alleger, go to 7.
4. Does the allegation contain:
  - a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range? **YES**
  - b) a specific location? **NO**

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If yes to BOTH, go to 7. If EITHER are no, then go to 5.

5. Does the allegation contain:

- a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range? **YES**  
b) a specific time of day or timeframe? **YES (Analyst Comment: According to the Airwars July Enhanced Geolocations document, the alleged incident was "first reported at 16:10 UTC+02:00 by RBSS facebook <http://archive.is/3G0HG>".)**  
c) a general location? **YES**  
If yes to ALL three, then go to 7. If ANY are no, go to 6.

6. Does the allegation contain:

- a) Video or photo evidence of CIVCAS that can be used to narrow the date/time or location of the allegation?  
— If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.b.  
b) Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation?  
— If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.c.  
c) Any high quality sources?  
— If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.d.  
d) Specific facts that warrant a search for strikes?  
— If yes, go to 7. If no, close the allegation.

7.a. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to conduct a search for strikes?

If yes, go to 8. If no, go to 7.b. **NO**

7.b. Explain in detail why there is insufficient information on the time, location, and details to conduct a search for strikes.

**Analyst Comment: Recommend that an RFI be sent to Airwars asking for more details. In order to process this allegation and find potentially corresponding strikes we require the neighbourhood, prominent landmarks/buildings and/or major thoroughfares near where the CIVCAS supposedly occurred. While we have an idea as to the timeframe in which the alleged strike took place, we cannot focus on the correct area within Raqqa City based on the limited information provided.**

**In the event no further details are supplied, recommend that this allegation be closed.**

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MAT:

CAOC log:

CJTF log:

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CJFLCC log, -email (Start 18 MAY 2017):

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(b)(1) tag, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017):

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8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes?  
— If yes, answer the questions below and task CCAR.  
— If no, provide a detailed explanation and close the allegation.

**1. Assessed date of incident:**

**2. Location:**

**3. Potentially Corroborating Strike Information:**

**MGRS:**

**Strike Number:**

**DTG:**

**Target:**

**Dynamic/Deliberate:**

**Aircraft:**

**Call Sign:**

**Nationality:**

**Munitions & Number dropped:**

**Target Number:**

**TEA:**

**BE #:**

**Non-US Coalition Involvement:**

**Decision:** Although the allegation needs further information, Airwars has currently suspended their RFI responses to CJTF. Close at the IA due to insufficient information as to time, locations, and details to conduct an assessment of credibility.

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