

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	744		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	22 JUN 2017
Casualty Estimate	1 killed, 6 injured		
Incident Date	Morning of 21 NOV 2016		
Location	Ba'as / Bi'as village, Raqqa governorate, Syria (no grid provided)		
Allegation	<p>November 21st 2016: بعاص قرية Bi'as village, Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: One civilian was reported killed in an alleged Coalition strike on Bi'as. According to Syria News Desk, "a civilian was killed and six others injured this morning, due to coalition aircraft targeted with three raids the village of Ba'as in northern Raqqa." Raqqa News named the victim as Ali al Hade'awi. Civilians reported killed: 1 Civilians reported injured: 6 Sources: Syria News Desk [Arabic] [Archived], Raqqa News Network [Arabic] [Archived]. 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 a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. Bi'as sp? village AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? 21 NOV 2016 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 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? YES 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? NO. An exhaustive search using all available tools on SIPR and NIPR to include google search of the Arabic script village name was not able to determine the location of the allegation village. Recommend Airwars provide a grid or some other location detail IOT make an assessment. 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	Close at IA; insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility.
Report Approved By:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</div>