

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	997		
Incident Date	15 MAR 17	Opened Date	22 SEP 17
Source(s)	Airwars		
Source Type	Social Media	Location	Bab al Tob
Nearest Major City	Mosul	MGRS	(b)(1)1.4a
Allegation Description	<p>Estimated Casualties – Killed: 4-24, Injured: 6-50</p> <p>Source #1: March 15th-16th: باب الطوب باب Bab Al Tob area, Central Mosul, Nineveh province, Iraq Summary: Local residents and military and medical sources said that up to two dozen civilians were killed or injured due to different kinds of shelling, and strikes by US Apache helicopters. This reportedly occurred during an ongoing battle around the Bab Al Tob area and other ancient neighborhoods in the center of Mosul. Naynawa Alghad reported on Facebook that due to the heavy clashes on Thursday morning between Iraqi forces and ISIL in the old parts of the city, the US intervened with Apache helicopters. A medical source said that the “battles until dawn on Thursday left dozens of dead and wounded civilians, [who] were killed in their homes by the fighting.” Iraqi Spring said that up to 20 people were killed and 50 injured. However, Yaqein reported that four people, including women and children, were killed and six wounded. Nineveh Media Center posted a photo (see below) of the aftermath of the strikes, saying “This is Mosul, without comment!!!”. Civilians reported killed: 4-24 Civilians reported injured: 6-50 Sources: Naynawa Alghad (Facebook) [Arabic] [Archived], Iraqi Spring Media Center [Arabic] [Archived], Iraqi Spring Media Center (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Iraq news center [Arabic] [Archived], Ninawa media center [Arabic] [Archived], Yaqein [Arabic] [Archived], Quality of reporting: Contested – sources report both shelling by Iraqi forces and intervention of US Apache helicopters and ground troops</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 allegor, go to 7.

4. Does the allegation contain:

a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range? **YES**

b) a specific location? **NO**

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**

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? **YES**

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

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

8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? **NO**

If yes, answer the questions below and task CCAR.

If no, provide a detailed explanation and close the allegation.

- Searched the night of 15 MAR and the morning of 16 MAR for strikes conducted in the area identified by Airwars as Bab al Tob.
- Zero results found that could potentially corroborate the details of 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 #:

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MAT: 3 results; 0 potentially corroborating strikes.
CAOC log: 3 results; 0 potentially corroborating strikes.
CJTF log: 1 result; 0 potentially corroborating strikes.

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

SY

Tb(1) log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017):

Non-US Coalition Involvement: N/A

Decision: Close the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.

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