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 COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE  
 CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT  
 APO AE 09306

IRCS

18 December 2017

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 1175

1. (U) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. A thorough review of all available strike records indicates that it is more likely than not that the alleged civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and make available for immediate public release.

2. (U) **Background.** I considered the following information in making my findings:

a. (U) On 17 June 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell received an allegation from Airwars.org, a non-governmental organization that stated, "Two women were killed and several others were injured in the Al Badu neighborhood of Raqqa, allegedly caused by SDF mortars or supporting Coalition airstrikes. Several sources reported that 7 people were wounded in the raid. However Madar News reported that at least 10 people were wounded. Eleven of the 14 sources reported that US-backed SDF, the Coalition or a combination of the two parties were allegedly responsible for the civilian casualties.

b. (U) On 18 June 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell received an allegation from the Acting Regional Humanitarian Coordinator Syria Crisis. The allegation stated, "two women and two children were reportedly killed and at least three other civilians injured as a result of ground-based strikes on Al-Badu neighbourhood in Ar Raqqa city."

c. (S//REL) On 10 September 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell directed TF 94-7 to conduct a CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR).

d. (S//REL) On 6 December 2017, (b)(3) 10 USC 1301 approved the assessment, finding the allegation to be **NOT CREDIBLE**. TF 94-7 recommends no further action be taken.

3. (U) **CIVCAS Credibility Assessment**

a. (S//REL) One strike potentially corroborating the allegation was identified. The strike was conducted 17 (b)(1)1.4z Jun 2017. Kobani (b)(1)1.4a was passed a 9-LINE targeting ISIS communication infrastructure. The target building was assessed to have a high concentration of ISIS defenders and C2.

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b. (S//REL) At (b)(1)1.4a Kobani employed (b)(1)1.4a on the target building, pursuant to Rule of Engagement (ROE) (b)(1)1.4a. The ordnance had good effects and met the ground commander's intent.

c. (S//REL) (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) was able to visually monitor the targets from the time of weapons employment through impact. No civilian casualties were observed by US or SDF Forces.

d. (S//REL) (b)(1)1.4a complied with LOAC and the applicable ROE.

4. (U) Action.

(U) I direct closure of this CIVCAS incident and that CJTF-OIR PAO publish the result of this CIVCAS assessment in a press release as soon as practicable.

5. (U) Point of contact is (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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2 Encls

- 1. Initial Assessment
- 2. CCAR

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