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

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25 JUN 2017  
 30 JUN 2017

## MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 503

1. (U) **BLUF**. Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. Due to no potentially corroborating strikes on 2 JUN 2017 IVO the grid coordinates provided by the RT TV representative, there is insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation. 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 3 June 2017, a strike was reported to CJTF-OIR Press Desk by Ekatrina Bylkina of RTTV as having killed 43 civilians in Raqqah City on 2 June 2017. The reporter provided the following coordinates: 35 57' 28"N 39 0' 6"E (MGRS [redacted] b 1 1 4a) and alluded to local media reporting that stated that warplanes of the Coalition bombarded the Jamili Building in Raqqah, killing 43 civilians, most of them either children or women, in addition to injuring others and demolishing the six-story building.

b. (U) On 17 June 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an initial assessment and determined to close this allegation at the Initial Assessment stage.

3. (U) **CJTF Initial Assessment**

a. (U) Airwars.org did not contain a corroborating allegation.

b. (U) The allegation did not include pictures or video evidence of CIVCAS. The allegation mentioned a specific location - al-Jamili building.

c. (U) The allegation stems from a report on the Xinhua News Agency website (official press agency of the People Republic of China). A similar article was also published on business-standard.com website which was disclaimed as not being edited by Business Standard staff and auto-generated from a syndicated feed. Based on the information currently available, no high quality source(s) reported the allegation. Note that RT TV itself is a Russian international TV network funded by the Russian government.

d. (S//REL USA, FVEY) Despite the absence of credible reporting, the CIVCAS Cell searched for potentially corroborating strikes to determine the appropriate response to the RTTV inquiry. There were no strikes IVO of [redacted] b 1 1 4a on 2 June 2017.

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 [redacted] b 3 10 USC 130b; b 6.

2 Encls  
 1. Initial Assessment  
 2. Screen Shot

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