



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

IRCS

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation no. 388

1. (U) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. 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 19 March 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported that, at 1818Z on 19 MAR, pro-ISIS Twitter users circulated an A'maq News Agency banner stating that 18 children, 28 men and women were killed and 80 others were injured due to American airstrikes and artillery shelling on several residential neighborhoods in western Mosul. Pro-ISIS users expressed anti-American sentiment but did not provide any additional information regarding the CIVCAS. This topic is trending and resonating at very high levels in the Arabic IE.

3. (U) **CJTF-OIR CIVCAS CELL's Initial Assessment**

a. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) Following the receipt of this allegation, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an initial assessment of the allegation and concluded that too little information existed to assess the credibility of this allegation. Specifically, no information was provided identify the location of the strike. Moreover, no information directly linked Coalition strikes to the alleged CIVCAS incident. In addition, Pro-ISIS media, A'maq, is inherently a non-credible source. CJTF CIVCAS Cell determined no strikes corroborated the allegation.

c. (U) The CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell recommended closing this allegation.

3. (U) **Action.**

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

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

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 2. Screen Shot


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