



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

IRCS

23 SEP 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 1259

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. (S//REL) On 8 September 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell reviewed an allegation by an ISIS Media Outlet that at an unknown time on 6 September 2017, an airstrike hit a house in the city of Raqah reportedly killing 12 people including 8 children.

b. (S//REL) On 8 September 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell directed CJFLCC to conduct a CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR).

c. (S//REL) On 10 September 2017, MG White approved the assessment, finding the allegation to be **NOT CREDIBLE**. CJFLCC recommends no further action be taken.

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

a. (S//REL) One Coalition strike within the city of Rawah was identified as potentially corroborating the allegation. The strike was a planned dynamic strike on an ISIS safehouse within the city of Rawah on 6 September 2017. The strike log, mIRC chat logs, Full Motion Video (FMV), legal advisor notes, and post-strike assessment were consulted in determining the credibility of the allegation.

b. (S//REL) The strike on the ISIS safehouse was executed with a single engagement and (a)(1)1.4a aimpoints under Rule of Engagement (ROE) (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) were used to prosecute the target.

c. (S//REL) The strike was executed under the assessment of (b)(1)1.4a after approximately 1/5 hours of FMV, with zero civilian pattern of life (CIVPOL) observations, and a CDE of (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1.4a. The CE value of (b)(1)1.4a was within the NCV of the approving TEA.

d. (S//REL) The target was previously approved by the (b)(1)1.4a removal board as (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1.4a. On 3 September 2017, the target was pending for execution when the ISR screener indicated a possible child entering the building. The strike was cancelled. On 6 September 2017, the target was engaged under the assessment of (b)(1)1.4a

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e. (~~S//REL~~) FMV platform (b)(1)1.4a collected approximately 1.5 hours of FMV prior to the strike. FMV noted a single truck parked in front of the neighboring building. The FMV recording shows no signs of CIVPOL. Post-strike footage does not show a destroyed vehicle within the outline of the target building or its vicinity.

f. (~~S//REL~~) Based on a thorough assessment of all reasonably available evidence, this CIVCAS allegation is deemed not credible. The strike was executed under ROE (b)(1)1.4a. The strike appears to be in compliance with the ROE and principles of LOAC.

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).

- 2 Encls
- 1. FIR
- 2. CCAR


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