

## CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

<b>Allegation #</b>	859		
<b>Source(s)</b>	AIRWARS	<b>Date Received</b>	3 JUL 2017
<b>Casualty Estimate</b>	3 killed, 2 or more injured		
<b>Incident Date</b>	26 JAN 2017		
<b>Location</b>	Hunaida, Ar Raqqa IVO	(b)(1)1.4a	
<b>Allegation</b>	<p><b>January 26th 2017:</b> هنيذة منطقة Hunaida area, الطبقة al Tabaqa countryside, Raqqa governorate, Syria</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Three civilians were reported killed in an alleged Coalition airstrike near Hunaida.</p> <p>According to the Syrian Observatory, "Explosions were heard in the western countryside of Al-Raqqah city, caused by bombing by warplanes believed to belong to the international coalition on an oil refinery area in Hunaida area at the countryside of al-Tabaqa, which injured several persons with confirmed information about the death of three due to the bombing."</p> <p>Step News said three civilians were slain when a temporary refinery in the village was targeted. In its daily report the Coalition confirmed targeting "oil refinement stills."</p> <p>Civilians reported <b>killed: 3</b></p> <p>Civilians reported <b>injured: 2 or more</b></p> <p>Sources: Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Arabic] [Archived], Step News [Arabic] [Archived], Al Araby al Jnaid [Arabic] [Archived], Al Alam [Arabic] [Archived]</p> <p><b>Quality of Reporting: Fair</b></p>		
<b>Analysis</b>	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? <b>NO</b> If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include</p> <p>a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS <b>NO</b></p> <p>b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. <b>YES</b></p> <p>AND</p> <p>c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? <b>NO</b></p> <p>If yes to all three, move to 6. If any are no, then move to number 3.</p> <p>3. Does the allegation contain a</p> <p>a) General Day, <b>YES</b></p> <p>AND</p> <p>b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? <b>NO</b></p> <p>If yes to the two, then move to 6. If any are no, move to number 4.</p>		

	<p>4.a. Is the allegation from a single source (even if there are multiple sources, look at whether the sources lack independence, i.e., all derived from one source)? <b>NO</b> If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>4.b. <del>Is the single source a high quality source OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.c.</del></p> <p>4.c. <del>Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re-assess. If no, then close the allegation.</del></p> <p>5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? <b>YES</b> If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.</p> <p>5.b. <del>Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation, OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR? If yes, move to 6. If no, close the allegation.</del></p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? <b>YES</b> i.e., does it provide enough information to determine the date within 48 hour; does it provide enough information to determine a neighborhood, landmark, or other way to where the alleged incident occurred within a .5km radius? If yes, move to 7. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation. <b>NO. Zero strikes between 24-26 JAN 2017. See "(S-IRKS) AW Allegation #85 26 JAN 2017.ppt".</b></p> <p><b>1. Assessed date of incident:</b></p> <p><b>2. Location:</b></p> <p><b>3. Corroborating strikes:</b></p>
<p><b>Non-US Coalition Involvement</b></p>	
<p><b>Decision</b></p>	<p>Close at IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No strikes in the location or timeframe alleged.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Report Approved By:</b></p>	<p>(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</p>

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