

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1203		
Source(s)	ISIS Media	Date Received	9-AUG-17
Casualty Estimate	Killed: Injured:		
Incident Date	2-4 AUG 17		
Location	Bedouin Area	(b)(1)1.4a	of Raqqa, Raqqa Governorate, SY
Allegation	<p>1. Source #1: (U) ISIS A'maq Video of Child CIVCAS Allegedly Due to US Airstrikes in Raqqa: ISIS <i>Amaq News Agency</i> posted an explicit video of child casualties as a result of the American Bombing in ISIS held Raqqa. The video was published by Fursan Upload on YouTube, where has been viewed 326 times since it was first published yesterday. Fursan Upload currently has 22 subscribers and a total of three videos, the earliest of which was published three days ago. All three videos are official <i>Amaq News Agency</i> productions. According to the video (featuring footage of dead and injured children) the bombing took place in the al-Thukna (Barracks) neighborhood of Raqqa as well as the Bedouin Quarter of the city. Responses to the video on YouTube have been disabled. Twitter account (@Raqqa_SL) also posted frame shots of the video on Twitter and shared the images on their Facebook page (Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently بصمت تذبح الرقة) where it had been liked by 934 individuals. Responses to the video largely involved invoking God and prayers for the victims. This topic trended and resonated at a high level in the Arabic IE. news and video/photos is trending and resonating high on the Arabic IE.</p> <p>2. Is this in Airwars? NO If Yes, copy and paste entire allegation:</p>		
Analysis	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? NO 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS? YES b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; YES <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) General Day; <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? 		

	<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)? If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source (well known/credible news source) OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR, i.e., a way to narrow down a reasonable list of strikes to assess. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.c.</p> <p>4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re-assess. If no, then close the allegation.</p> <p>5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.</p> <p>5.b. 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.</p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? 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? YES If yes, move to 7. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>-7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? NO If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation.</p> <p>1. Assessed date of incident:</p> <p>2. Location:</p> <p>3. Corroborating strikes:</p> <p><u>IZ & SY</u> MAT, 0 CAOC log, 0 CJTF kmz, 0 CJTF log, 0</p> <p><u>SY</u> Tb(1)log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017), 0</p>
Non-US Coalition Involvement	None.

Decision	Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No corroborating strikes were found located within the allegation location and timeframe.
Report Approved By:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b, (b)(6)</div>

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