

## CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	825		
Source(s)	Airwars.org	Date Received	3 July 2017
Casualty Estimate	Killed: 2-4		
Incident Date	9-11 Jan 2017		
Location	Debsi Afnan village, IVO	(b)(1),1.4a	
Allegation	<p><b>January 11th, 2017: عفنان دېسي Debsi Afnan village, Raqqa governorate, Syria</b>  <b>Summary: Between two and four civilians</b> including a child were alleged killed in a Coalition airstrike on <b>Debsi Afnan</b>, according to some local sources.</p> <p>Al Natek reported that four non-combatants died in a Coalition strike. And the Syrian Network said "at least two civilians including a child died in International Coalition warplanes missiles fired on <b>Debsi Afnan village</b>." According to Syria News Desk, "Three civilians were killed and 4 others injured when an international coalition plane targeted with a raid a car they were in on the Aleppo – Raqqa motorway near the town of <b>Debsi Afnan</b> which is under IS control in the western Raqqa countryside. The raid led to the burning of the car entirely."</p> <p>SY_reported put the death toll at four and said that a woman was also injured. They blamed the Coalition.</p> <p>Smart News said that the Coalition targeted "a civilian car near <b>Al-Qadesiya street</b> which killed three civilians and wounded others."</p> <p>According to Raqqa Post, "Coalition warplanes carried out a raid in the village of <b>Debsi Afnan</b>, at <b>Al-Qadesiya street</b> near the stands for selling oil. Two people died: a 12-year-old boy and an old man."</p> <p>Arabstoday and Asrar7days also reported the death of the child and man, and pointed towards the Coalition.</p> <p><b>However while both Step News and ISIL mentioned Coalition strikes on Debsi Afnan, neither mentioned civilian casualties.</b></p> <p>Civilians reported <b>killed: 2-4</b>, including a child  Civilians reported <b>injured: 4</b></p> <p>Sources: Al Natek [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Network for Human Rights [Archived], Syrian News Desk [Arabic] [Archived], Step News [Arabic] [Archived], VIDEO Al Racd La Ykazcb Ahlahu (ISIL propaganda) [Archived], Euphrates Post [Arabic] [Archived], Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Archived], Syria News Desk [Arabic] [Archived], Shaam News Network [Arabic] [Archived], Alamawi [Arabic], [Archived], Sy_reporter [Arabic], [Archived], Euphrates Post [Arabic], [Archived], Mo'az Al-Iraqi [Arabic], Smart [Arabic], [Archived], Alhadath [Arabic], [Archived], Raqqa Post [Arabic], [Archived], Asrar7days [Arabic], [Archived], Jisr TV [Arabic], [Archived], Arabstoday [Arabic], [Archived],</p> <p><b>Quality of reporting: Fair</b></p>		
Analysis	<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, <b>YES</b></p> <p>AND</p> <p>c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? <b>YES</b></p>		

	<p>If yes to all <b>three</b>, move to 6. If any are no, then move to number 3.</p> <p>3. Does the allegation contain a  a) General Day, <b>YES</b>  AND  b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? <b>NO</b>  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. Is the single source a high quality source <del>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. 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? <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? 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. <b>YES</b></p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation. <b>NO</b></p> <p><i>MAT, no results</i>  <i>CAOC log, no results</i>  <i>CJTF kmz &amp; excel, no results</i></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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