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 CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT
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IRCS

23 April 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 414

1. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) **BLUF**. Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and make this allegation available for public release.

2. (U) **Background**. I considered the following information in making my findings:

a. (U) On 8 April 2017, WebOps reported Pro-Syrian opposition and pro-Syrian regime Facebook and Twitter users circulated reports from local media outlets a CF airstrike targeting Hanayda village, western Raqqa, caused CIVCAS. Early reports Activist organization, Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (RBSS) stated that a CF strike targeting an internet shop in Hanayda village causing a total of 13 casualties, and citing most of their names. Later users started to circulate reports that the number of CIVCAS had increased to 25. This topic trended and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE.

b. (U) On 8 April 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell opened the allegation.

c. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) On 21 April 2017, CJTF-OIR conducted an initial assessment and concluded that the allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**.

3. (U) **CJTF CIVCAS Cell's Findings**

a. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) The only potentially corroborating strike was strike (b)(1)1.4, a dynamic strike on ISIS fighters on 7 April 2017. Strike log reports, initial results, 13x EKIA/EWIA and 1x DFP destroyed. The allegation alleges 13 initial casualties, citing most of their names.

b. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) The fact that the initial results of the strike report 13 EKIA, and the initial media reports alleged 13 CIVCAS, it's more likely than not that the reported casualties were ISIS combatants.

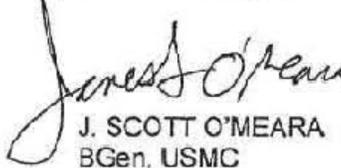
c. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) TF 94-7, based on an initial review of all information available, including the strike close-out report and imagery, recommended no further action as this allegation has no merit.

4. (U) **Action**.

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

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

2 Encls
 1. Initial Assessment
 2. FIR


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