



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

IRCS

31 AUG 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 1217

1. (U) BLUF. Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. A search of all available strike records found no corroborating strikes; therefore, there is insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation. 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. (U) On 15 August 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported: 15 August 2017. ISIS A'maq Media Agency published a bulletin claiming, one civilian killed and three injured by U.S. airstrike on Al-Qaim western Iraq. It added, four victims are from one family.
 - b. (S//REL) On 20 August 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell approved the Initial Assessment (IA) and determined the allegation should be closed at the IA.
3. (U) **CJTF Initial Assessment**
 - a. (S//REL) Airwars.org did not contain a corroborating allegation.
 - b. (S//REL) The allegation did not include picture or video evidence of CIVCAS. Moreover, the allegation did not provide a specific location, e.g., MGRS, name of building.
 - c. (S//REL) The CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted a search for strikes occurring from 13-15 August 2017. Because the allegation does not provide an exact date of the alleged strikes, it is CIVCAS Cell policy to use a 72 hour search window from the date the allegation was reported.
 - d. (S//REL) The allegation cites "Al-Qaim," which could either refer to the city or the district. There were no results in the city of "Al-Qaim." However, there were multiple results in the district. Based on the number of strikes returned by the search and lack of detail in the allegation to narrow the search, it would be unreasonable to make an assessment of credibility.

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e. (~~S//REL~~) Accordingly, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell recommended closing this allegation at the Initial Assessment due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.

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)
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1. Initial Assessment

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