

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1119		
Source(s)	WebOps	Date Received	7/11/2017
Casualty Estimate	Killed: 20		
Incident Date	7 – 9 Jul 17		
Location	al Mayadin, Day Az-Zawr governate		
Allegation	<p>1. Source #1: (U) Reports of CIVCAS from US Airstrikes on Al-Mayadeen in Deir Ez-Zor: Social media activists and regional media outlets on Facebook and Twitter circulated reports that alleged US airstrikes on al-Mayadcen neighborhoods in Deir ez-Zor resulted in killing 20 civilians including 7 children. On 8 JUL, Amaq News Agency released a video depicting the body of a dead child being pulled out of the rubbles and other child being treated for injuries, alleging that was caused by US airstrikes on al-Mayadeen neighborhoods. The link to the video will be provided at a later time due to some technical difficulty.</p>		
Analysis	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2. NO</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS YES, b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; YES AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES 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 a) General Day, AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? 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. 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? YES 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. NO CJTF log: no results CJTF strike KMZ: no results CAOC log: no results MAT: no results</p>
<p>Non-US Coalition Involvement</p>	
<p>Decision</p>	<p>Close at IA; insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation due to no corroborating strikes. -See Enclosure 1.</p>
<p>Report Approved By:</p>	<p>(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</p>

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