



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

IRCS

15 SEP 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 1141

1. (U) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. A thorough review of all available strike records indicates that it is more likely than not that the alleged civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 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. (~~S//REL~~) On 24 July 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell received a self-report indicating potential CIVCAS as a result of Coalition strike. On 23 July 2017, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) received a 9-line to strike two buildings. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) struck a building pursuant to Rule of Engagement (ROE) (b)(1)1.4a. SDF reported the building as an enemy location from which they were taking effective enemy fire. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) observed one squighter running NE from (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) strike location, and proceeded to follow the assessed hostile. The squighter met and interacted with another individual who was assessed to be an ISIS member. The two continued walking through ISIS controlled territory together. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) then employed (b)(1)1.4a on the ISIS fighter and the other associated ISIS member, pursuant to ROE (b)(1)1.4a

b. (~~S//REL~~) On 20 August 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell directed TF 94-7 to conduct a CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR).

c. (~~S//REL~~) On 8 September 2017, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3) 10 USC 1 approved the assessment, finding the allegation to be **NOT CREDIBLE**. TF 94-7 recommends no further action be taken.

3. (U) **CIVCAS Credibility Assessment**

a. (~~S//REL~~) (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) tracked a single pax from vicinity of target building and GFC ID'd as hostile. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) targeted EPAX with a (b)(1)1.4a technique with (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6). Approximately 15 seconds prior to impact, a second individual exited a nearby building and was walking about 2 meters behind the targeted individual.

b. (~~S//REL~~) TF 94-7 assessed the alleged CIVCAS as an ISIS member, and therefore EKIA. No civilian casualties were observed by or reported to US or SDF forces.

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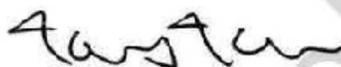
c. (~~S//REL~~) The strike complied with LOAC and the applicable ROE. The strike was taken under ROE (b)(1).⁴ Based upon intelligence available at the time, the TEA determined with reasonable certainty that the targets were ISIS combatants.

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)(5)
(b)(6)

- 2 Encls
- 1. FIR Email
- 2. CCAR



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