

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	877		
Source(s)	Airwars	Date Received	26-AUG-17
Casualty Estimate	Killed: 4; Injured: 7		
Incident Date	9 February 2017 Thursday Night		
Location	Assadiya farm (b)(1)1.4a , northern Raqqa governorate, Syria		
Allegation	<p>Source #1: February 9th-10th 2017: الرحيات Al Rahiat area, northern Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: Four civilians were reportedly killed and seven injured in a night time Coalition strike on al Rahiat near Raqqa. According to Smart News “warplanes bombed, late on Thursday night, the band 17, al Assadiya farm and Al Rahiat, north of Raqqa, killing four civilians, including two women, and injuring seven others, including children, were killed, all by shelling on Rahiat.” It was the only agency to report civilian casualties. Civilians reported killed: 4, including 2 women Civilians reported injured: 7 Sources: Aleboooo Facebook [Arabic] [Archived], Smart News [Arabic] [Archived], Smart News (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Quality of reporting: Weak – presently single source</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? NO 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, YES AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO 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. YES</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. YES</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.</p> <p>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? 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. YES</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation. NO</p> <p><u>IZ & SY</u> <i>MAT, 0 strikes</i> <i>CJTF log, 0 strikes</i> <i>CJTF kmz, 0 strikes</i> <i>CAOC log, 0 strikes</i></p> <p><u>IZ</u> <i>CJFLCC log, -email (Start 18 MAY 2017), NA</i></p> <p><u>SY</u> <i>TF(1) log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017), N/A</i></p>
<p>Non-US Coalition Involvement</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Decision</p>	<p>Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The allegation states that there were multiple places hit north of Raqqa. One of them located being Assadia village. A search was conducted in and around Assadia and 15 km north of Raqqa. • There were 0 strikes in the location and timeframe alleged.
<p>Report Approved By:</p>	<p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</p>

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