

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	785		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	24 JUN 2017
Casualty Estimate	>2 killed ; >2 injured		
Incident Date	17 DEC 2016		
Location	Mosul, Nineveh Province, Iraq		
Allegation	<p>December 17th 2016: Mosul, Nineveh Province, Iraq Synopsis: : More than 40 civilians were reported killed or injured due to shelling inside Mosul.</p> <p>Naynawaalghad TV cited what it said were medical sources in Mosul, who told the outlet that 41 civilians were killed or wounded “as a result of artillery fire from an unknown source.” The outlet noted that residents were forced to bury victims in a public park, as the cemetery was full.</p> <p>Yaqein reported that more than 40 civilians were killed or wounded on Saturday night, and blamed the government or Coalition. ISIL-linked al A’Amaq posted a video showing rubble and rescue workers. It included a shot of what is purported to be a bomb fragment left at the scene, on which English lettering can be seen. In an emailed response to a report submitted by Airwars on this and other incidents in December 2016, Coalition officials requested additional information concerning the alleged event.</p> <p>Civilians reported killed: 2 or more Civilians reported injured: 2 or more Sources: Naynawaalghad.tv [Arabic] [Archived], Yaqein [Arabic] [Archived], Al A’Amaq (ISIL-linked) VIDEO [Arabic] [Archived] [Youtube backup] Iraq Sunna News [Arabic] [Archived], Iraq-amsi [Arabic] [Archived]</p> <p>Quality of reporting: Contested – reportedly artillery, attributed to Iraqi government or Coalition Coalition position: For December 16th-17th, the Coalition reported “Near Mosul, two strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed six ISIL-held buildings, two fighting positions, two heavy machine guns, and a front-end loader. For December 17th-18th, the Coalition reported “Near Mosul, four strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit ; destroyed three tactical vehicles, a supply cache, two front-end loaders, a VBIED, five fighting positions, three ISIL-held buildings, a communications tower, an anti-air artillery system; damaged five ISIL supply routes; and suppressed three mortar teams, a bunker, and an ISIL tactical unit.” Still from video released by ISIL-linked Al A’Amaq. Appears to show remnant of a munition with English lettering.</p> <p>Quality of Reporting: Contested – reportedly artillery, attributed to Iraqi government or Coalition</p>		

Analysis	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? NO If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS Yes b) a general location, e.g., Tabqaah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? 17 DEC 2016 <p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) General Day, AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? <p>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 OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR. 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.</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? NO. Mosul only.</p> <p>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.</p>
Non-US Coalition Involvement	

Decision	Close Allegation; insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility.
Report Approved By:	<div data-bbox="326 373 690 415" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</div>

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