

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	669		
Source(s)	Airwars	Date Received	18 June 2017
Casualty Estimate	"Between 3 and 4 displaced people were reported killed"		
Incident Date	9 - 11 October 2016		
Location	Tal Btal ((Tal Bital)), IVO <input type="text" value="(b)(1)1.4a"/>		
Allegation	<p>1. Description of allegation: October 11th 2016: بطل تل Tal Btal village, Aleppo governorat Syria Summary: Between 3 and 4 displaced people were reported killed in camps near Tal Btal, a village south of Ra'i in the Aleppo countryside. It was unclear whether Turkey or the Coalition was responsible. Ramaf reported that an attack hit a camp, claiming "the lives of three martyrs and [left] more than fifteen wounded as a result of being targeted by Turkish artillery. Ramaf named the three victims as Khaled Ma'rouf, Mahmoud Sheikh Nouri and Mohammad Adel. ISIL-controlled al Al A'maq Agency reported that 4 civilians were killed, including a girl "when two tents were targeted with an American raid." Civilians reported killed: 3-4, possibly including one girl. Civilians reported injured: 15 Sources: Rumaf [Arabic] [Archived], Al A'maq Agency (ISIL-controlled) [Arabic] [Archived] Quality of reporting: Contested accounts attributing to Coalition or Turkish artillery.</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 a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO b) a general location, YES, Tal Bital IVO <input type="text" value="(b)(1)1.4a"/> 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)? NO 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.e.</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? NO 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? NO, overall there are 2 sources, and they do not provide specific facts that could lead to potentially corroborating strikes. The allegation lacks a specific time and place and does not appear to warrant a CCAR. YES, we can search a 48hr range within the village to see if there are any strikes on the 2 tents. 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>1. Assessed date of incident:</p> <p>2. Location:</p> <p>3. Corroborating strikes:</p>
Non-US Coalition Involvement	
Decision	Close at IA, no corroborating strikes.
Report Approved By:	(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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