

## CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	562		
Source(s)	WebOps	Date Received	28 June 2017
Casualty Estimate	killed: 21-60		
Incident Date	26-28 June 2017		
Location	al-Dablan , Dayr Al-Zur (IVO MGRS: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(1)1.4a</span> )		
Allegation	<p><b>1. Source #1</b></p> <p><b>Unidentified Warplane Causes 30 CIVCAS IVO Dayr Al-Zur:</b> Social media users and regional media outlets, including Gulf and Egyptian media outlets, circulated news via Twitter and Facebook citing Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR) reports that an unidentified warplane conducted airstrikes in an ISIS-controlled area on the outskirts of Dayr al-Zur killing 30 and injuring dozens of others. Kuwaiti media outlet, <i>Kuna.net.KW</i>, reported that, according to SOHR, the targeted village was called al-Dablan located 20 km east of al-Mayadin, on the outskirts of Dayr al-Zur. The report suggested that the unidentified plane could belong to CF since the previous day CF conducted an airstrike on an ISIS prison in al-Mayadin. Most Syrian opposition users condemned the CF airstrikes as if the plane had been identified as such; a few users cursed those responsible whoever they may be; and a small number of users pointed out the hypocrisy of focusing so much on ISIS atrocities and less on CF atrocities. This topic trended at a medium level and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE.</p> <p><b>2. Source #2</b></p> <p><b>David Gritten - Middle East desk, BBC News website</b></p> <p>The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and DeirEzzor24 are reporting that as many as 50 people have been killed in an air strike in the village of Dablaan (ان دب) near Mayadin early on Wednesday.</p> <p>Is the coalition investigating the reports? Did the coalition carry out any air strikes in the area this morning? Are you aware of any activity by Syrian, Russian or Iraqi aircraft in the area?</p> <p><b>3. Airwars.org #3</b></p> <p><b>June 28th 2017: دبلان Dablan, also known as الشويط al Shuwayt, Eastern Deir Ezzor governorate, Syria</b></p> <p><b>Summary: Up to 60 civilians died and dozens more were wounded</b> in airstrikes on Dablan, according to local media – though sources were conflicted as to who was responsible for the event, with allegations against the Coalition, Russia and the Assad regime.</p> <p>The pro-regime source, Damas Press, put the death toll at 40 and blamed the US-led Coalition. However, Syria News Desk was among several sources attributing the event to Moscow, putting the death toll at 40 non-combatants with 60 more injured. It reported that</p>		

four houses were completely destroyed amid extensive damage to residential buildings and shops. Additionally, the report said that “that dozens of families fled towards the Badia, fearing renewed targeting of the town as planes continued to fly overhead”.

Euphrates Post also pointed towards Russia: “According to the correspondent of the network Furat Post media, unknown aircraft – though thought to belong to the Russian air force – targeted residential sites in the center of the town of Dablan with cluster bombs “The source added that the mosques in the town used loud speakers to tell people to go to medical points to donate blood due to the large number of injuries caused by the bombing”. But a later report by Euphrates Post referred to “the air force” [regime] launching several strikes with “with internationally banned cluster bombs”. It said that eye witnesses saw one raid targeting “an internet cafe belonging to al Siki family in the al Kaws neighbourhood in the city centre. This damaged seven nearby houses killing 17 martyrs. Another raid targeted agricultural land in the town. Most of the martyrs were children and women who slept on rooftops and outside due to heat. The weather and power outages had led to an increase in the number of martyrs. There is no final figure for the number of victims, but 20 have been buried so far”.

Some other sources referred to “unknown warplanes with cluster bombs”.

But according to the Syrian Network for Human Rights – which put the death toll at at least 13 – jets belonging to the regime were to blame. Sharqiya Voice – one of the sources blaming Russia – reported that the death toll had risen to 60.

Some of the victims were named as

Two sons of Yassin al Alawi  
 Yassin’s wife and her son  
 Khaled Al – Hussein Al – Saleh and one of his sons  
 Saleh Al – Hussein Al – Saleh  
 Mousa Al Tazil  
 Issa Al-Hamoud  
 The daughter of Khamis al-Khalifa and his mother.  
 Muhsin al Oussour  
 Ibrahim Al-Siki  
 Khaled Alsiki  
 Saleh Alsiki  
 The Sons of Abu Halash  
 Two sons of Jassem Al Turki  
 Two daughters of Hassan al Ghannam  
 Abu Yusuf Al-Deiri.

Civilians reported **killed: 21-60**, including at least 5 children and 2-5 women

Civilians reported **injured: 12- 60**

Sources: Euphrates Post [Arabic], [Archived], Euphrates Post (2) [Arabic], [Archived], Al Natek [Arabic], [Archived], Euphrates Post (3) [Arabic], [Archived], Euphrates Post (4) [Arabic], [Archived], Al Natek (2) [Arabic], [Archived], Euphrates Post (5) [Arabic], [Archived], Al Natek (3) [Arabic], [Archived], Al Hassaka Rasd [Arabic], [Archived], Sharqiya Voice [Arabic], [Archived], Al Natek (4) [Arabic], [Archived], Sharqiya Voice (2) [Arabic], [Archived], Sharqiya Voice (3) [Arabic], [Archived], Al Natek (5) [Arabic], [Archived], Sharqiya Voice (4) [Arabic], [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Archived], Syrian Network for Human Rights [Archived], Syria News Desk [Arabic], [Archived], Alboselh [pro-regime], [Archived], Damas Press [pro-regime] [Archived], Euphrates Post (5) [Arabic], [Archived], Sharqiya Voice (5) [Arabic], [Archived],

**Quality of reporting: Contested – Coalition, Russia and regime all blamed**

<p><b>Analysis</b></p>	<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.</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS <b>YES</b></li> <li>b) a general location. <b>YES</b></li> </ul> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? <b>YES</b></li> </ul> <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"> <li>a) General Day,</li> </ul> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building?</li> </ul> <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)? <b>YES</b> If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p><del>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.</del></p> <p><del>4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re-assess. If no, then close the allegation.</del></p> <p>5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.</p> <p><del>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.</del></p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? <b>YES</b> 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. <b>NO</b></p>
<p><b>Non-US Coalition Involvement</b></p>	<p>None</p>

<b>Decision</b>	Close at IA. There are no corroborating Coalition strikes and the cluster munitions cited do not match any munitions employed by the Coalition. Also there is video footage of Syrian Regime tanks, helicopters, and soldiers firing in the area.
<b>Report Approved By:</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(5)</div>

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