

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1232		
Source(s)	Social Media /Airwars	Date Received	21-AUG-17
Casualty Estimate	Killed: Injured:		
Incident Date	16 - 18-AUG-17		
Location	Ar Rutba (b)(1)1.4a , Akashat, IZ		
Allegation	<p>Source #1: (U) The Mayor district of Al-Ruha Imadal-Dulaimi, stated that unidentified warplanes killed a woman, her 13-year-old daughter and wounded her husband in Akashat, north of the city Rutba.</p> <p>Source #2: Is this in Airwars? YES August 18th 2017: (I626) الرطبة Ar Rutba, Akashat, Anbar province, Iraq Summary: Local press sources reported on the death of three civilians, all from the same family, in airstrikes on Al Rutba, 420 km west of Baghdad. According to Amad Al-Dulaimi, the mayor of the province, the family was killed following a bomb dropped by an “unknown aircraft”. Sahafaty news quoted the mayor who said that the bombing “resulted in the death of a woman and her 13-year-old daughter” and the “wounding of her husband”, he said that “the injured bodies were taken to the general hospital”. It is unclear who is to blame for this civilian casualty incident, however, sources obtained do refer to the presence of the International Coalition in the area regarding strikes that resulted in Dahesh casualties. “Artillery shells” were used, according to local sources. Civilians reported killed: 3, including a woman and a child Civilians reported injured: 1 Sources: Masrawy [Arabic] [Archived], Mangish [Arabic] [Archived], Annabaa [Arabic] [Archived], Sahafaty [Arabic] [Archived], Quality of reporting: Contested, sources have not directly cited the Coalition for the fatalities.</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</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS? NO</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; YES</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">AND</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES</p> <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 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. NO</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</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>1. Assessed date of incident: 16 - 18-AUG-17</p> <p>2. Location: Ar Rutba (b)(1)1.4a, Akashat, IZ</p> <p>3. Corroborating strikes:</p> <p><u>IZ & SY</u> MAT, 0 results CJTF log, 0 results CJTF kmz, 0 results CAOC log, 0 results</p> <p><u>IZ</u> CJFLCC log, -email (Start 18 MAY 2017), 0 results</p>
<p>Non-US Coalition Involvement</p>	

Decision	Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There are no strikes in or around the location and timeframe alleged.• The allegation is very poor and it is contested among the sources where the allegation has occurred, therefore, a search for strikes was conducted on all areas, and no strikes were found in any of the locations.
Report Approved By:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</div>

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