

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1258		
Incident Date	10 – 12 SEP 17	Opened Date	14-SEP-17
Source(s)	BBC report		
Source Type	Media	Location	Al-Shahabat
Nearest Major City	Dayr Az Zawr	MGRS	Poss: <input type="text" value="(b)(1)1.4a"/>
Allegation Description	<p>Estimated Casualties – Killed: 8-12 Injured: 0</p> <p>(U) Source #1: BBC report release date: 12-SEP-17 It also reported that US-led coalition aircraft had bombed al-Shahabat, killing 12 members of a single family, during fierce fighting around the village between IS and the US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces.</p> <p>DeirEzzor24 put the death toll in Zaghira Shamiya at eight and said a number of civilians had been killed in al-Shahabat, but it did not say who was responsible.</p> <p>Source #2:</p> <p>Is this in Airwars? NO If so, copy and paste the entire allegation.</p>		

1. Is this allegation a self-report? **NO**
If yes, add details of potentially corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.
2. Does the allegation actually allege CIVCAS? **YES**
If yes, go to 3.a. If no, close the allegation.
- 3.a. Does the allegation state a single incident and/or location? **YES**
If yes, move to 4. If no, move to 3.b.
- 3.b. ~~Does the allegation contain specific information pairing each CIVCAS allegation with an independent location?~~
— If yes, separate the each of the combined allegations into separate allegations and restart an IA for each.
— If no, send a RFI in an attempt to break out the locations and casualties into separate allegations, restart the IA.
— ~~If unable to RFI the allogger, go to 7.~~
4. Does the allegation contain:
 - a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range? **NO**
 - b) a specific location? **NO**
If yes to BOTH, go to 7. If EITHER are no, then go to 5.

5. Does the allegation contain:

- a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range? **NO**
- b) a specific time of day or timeframe? **NO**
- c) a general location? **YES**

If yes to ALL three, then go to 7. If ANY are no, go to 6.

6. Does the allegation contain:

- a) Video or photo evidence of CIVCAS that can be used to narrow the date/time or location of the allegation? **NO**

If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.b.

- b) Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation? **NO**

If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.c.

- c) Any high quality sources? **YES**

If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.d.

- d) Specific facts that warrant a search for strikes?

— If yes, go to 7. If no, close the allegation.

7.a. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to conduct a search for strikes? **NO**

If yes, go to 8. If no, go to 7.b.

7.b. Explain in detail why there is insufficient information on the time, location, and details to conduct a search for strikes.

8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? **NO, Searched a 4 day range because the time and day of the allegation is not specified or known. No potentially corroborating locations match where we conducted strikes.**

AMPLIFYING INFORMATION: I located all strikes IVO of the FLOT's advance, and conclude that there were no locations closely resembling the alleged village name. The closest city to the strikes that were conducted in support of the FLOT's advance is Dayr Az Zawr (6km away).

A search was conducted for the alleged location "al-Shahabat" and found one location that potentially correlates to the location in the allegation. The location that we found is named "As Subay'at" and it is located approximately 6 km from the FLOT which corresponds with the allegation.

A search for strikes was conducted and we can conclude that there were no Coalition strikes in or around this location on Monday the 11th of September or within a four day range of this date.

For reference the closest strike is approximately 38km away in Ar-Raqqa.

If yes, answer the questions below and task CCAR.

If no, provide a detailed explanation and close the allegation.

1. Assessed date of incident:

2. Location:

3. Potentially Corroborating Strike Information:

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MAT: 0 results

CAOC log: 0 results

CJTF log: 0 results

SY

T(b)(1) log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017): 0 results

Non-US Coalition Involvement:

Decision: Clost at the IA. Insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.

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