



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
 COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE
 CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT
 APO AE 09306

IRCS

12 April 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation no. 340

1. (U) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation is **NOT CREDIBLE**. CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and make available for immediate public release.

2. (U) **Background.** I considered the following information in making my findings:

a. (U) On 16 February 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported Pro-Syrian opposition social media users and pro-Syrian opposition social media news aggregators circulated news via Twitter and Facebook stating that CF airstrikes targeting the outskirts of the Omar al-Mokhtar School in al-Tabqah city caused CIVCAS and wounded other civilians.

3. (U) **CJTF-OIR CIVCAS CELL's Initial Assessment**

a. (~~S//REL TO USA, FVEY~~) Following the receipt of this allegation, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an initial assessment of the allegation and found one strike on 16 FEB 2017, strike number (b)(1)1.4a. There are no other strikes 48 hours prior to or after allegation date. Strike no. (b)(1)1.4a was a deliberate strike on the Tabaqah ISIL Weapons Storage 001. No FMV available, but neither the TARPAC or INTELPAK mention a school as a collateral damage concern. Although the nearest school is .26 km from the strike, the Battle Damage Assessment did not indicate any damage or destruction outside the intended target.

c. (U) The CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell recommended closing this allegation.

3. (U) **Action.**

(U) I direct closure of this CIVCAS incident and that CJTF-OIR PAO publish the CIVCAS finding in a press release as soon as practicable.

4. (U) **Point of contact is** (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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 1. FIR
 2. Screen Shot

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