

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	868		
Source(s)	Airwars.org	Date Received	5 JUL 2017
Casualty Estimate	2-3 killed, 3-4 injured		
Incident Date	30 JAN 2017		
Location	Al Tabaqa, SY IVO	(b)(1)1.4a	
Allegation	<p>January 30th 2017: Al Tabaqa – Raqqa, Ar Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: Up to three civilians were killed in reported Coalition airstrikes around al Tabaqa when a school was hit in airstrikes. One of the casualties was said to be a special needs person. According to Smart News, “A local source said the [Coalition] planes bombed the area of the villas and Muhammad Al Fares school in Al Thaleth [the third] neighbourhood in al Tabaqa. A medical source explained that two dead and three wounded civilians were brought to the national hospital in Tabaqa – one of them someone with special needs.” Syrian Mirror said some of those injured were in a critical condition. Syria News Desk – which said two civilians died and four were injured, noted that the airstrike “also led to the complete destruction of two houses and material damage to a number of shops and other property.” One of the victims was named by a number of sources as a young man originally from Deir Ezzor province, Omar Faress al Hamir. Civilians reported killed: 2-3 Civilians reported injured: 3-4 Sources: Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Archived], Euphrates Post [Arabic] [Archived], I.CCSY [Arabic] [Archived], Smart News [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Mirror [Arabic] [Archived], Shaam News Network [Arabic] [Archived], Syria News Desk [Arabic] [Archived] Quality of Reporting: Fair</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, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. YES 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</p>		

	<p>AND</p> <p>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.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? YES 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? YES. Multiple sources corroborate the strike took place against a school, some also claiming damage to nearby buildings. 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. YES, one potential strike.</p> <p>1. Assessed date of incident: 29 Jan 2017</p> <p>2. Location: Tabaqa, SY IVO (b)(1)1.4a</p> <p>3. Corroborating strikes: Strike (b)(1)1.4a 29JAN17 / TEA- TF / ISIL AMMO PRODUCTION FACILITY / US For details see "(S-FVEY) AW Allegation #95 JAN'17.ppt".</p>
<p>Non-US Coalition Involvement</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Decision</p>	<p>TF <input type="checkbox"/> conduct a CCAR.</p>
<p>Report Approved By:</p>	<p>(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</p>