

## CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

<b>Allegation #</b>	874		
<b>Source(s)</b>	Airwars.org	<b>Date Received</b>	4 July 2017
<b>Casualty Estimate</b>	"dead and wounded in international coalition raids"		
<b>Incident Date</b>	4-6 Feb 17		
<b>Location</b>	Minhar mountain, IVO	(b)(1)1.4a	
<b>Allegation</b>	<p><b>February 6th 2017: منحر جبل Minhar mountain, eastern Raqqa governorate, Syria</b>  <b>Summary:</b> A number of people were reported killed – <b>combatant status unknown</b> – as a result of alleged Coalition airstrikes at <b>Minhar mountain</b>.  <b>Smart News reported "dead and wounded in international coalition raids on Minhar mountain in eastern Raqqa countryside."</b> However, like other sources it did not offer <b>any additional details</b>.  <b>Civilians reported killed: 0-1 or more</b>  <b>Civilians reported injured: 0-1 or more</b>  <b>Sources:</b> Smart News [Arabic] [Archived], Al Manar News [Arabic] [Archived], Syria Mubashar [Arabic] [Archived], Syria Press org [Arabic] [Archived], Syria Revolutionaries Gathering [Arabic] [Archived].  <b>Quality of reporting: Contested – combatant status unclear</b></p>		
<b>Analysis</b>	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? <b>NO</b> 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 <b>NO</b>  b) a general location, <b>YES</b>  AND  c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? <b>YES</b>  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, <b>YES</b>  AND  b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? <b>NO</b>  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>NO</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.e. 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? <b>YES</b> 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, <b>OR</b> 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? <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>None, No strikes within 5 km of the alleged location.</b></p> <p><b>1. Assessed date of incident:</b> 4-6 Feb 17</p> <p><b>2. Location:</b> Minhar Mountain, IVO <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(1)1.4a</span></p> <p><b>3. Corroborating strikes:</b> None</p>
<b>Non-US Coalition Involvement</b>	None
<b>Decision</b>	<p>Close at IA due to insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No strikes within 5 km of the alleged location, Minhar Mountain.</li> </ul>
<b>Report Approved By:</b>	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</span>

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