

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	783		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	24 JUN 2017
Casualty Estimate	Sixteen child soldiers		
Incident Date	16 DEC 2016		
Location	Shadadi, IVO MGRS: <input type="text" value="(b)(1)1.4a"/>		
Allegation	<p>December 16th 2016: Al Shadadi, Deir Ezzor governorate, Syria Summary: Sixteen child soldiers were killed in Coalition air strikes at al Shadadi, according to a local source. One child was named as Mohammad Abd al Nasser Al Saleh al Waiss, aged 14. No additional details are presently known. Civilians reported killed: 16 child soldiers [generally classed as combatants in international law] Civilians reported injured: Unknown</p> <p>Sources: Euphrates Post [Arabic] [Archived], Coalition position: For December 15th-17th 2016, the Coalition publicly reported no strikes in Deir Ezzor governorate.</p> <p>Quality of reporting: Weak – presently single source</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., Tabqah, 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 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 NO (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.</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? NO 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, YES 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? No allegation of civilian casualties. Children assessed to be enemy combatants under international law. 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.</p>
Non-US Coalition Involvement	
Decision	Close at IA. No allegation of CIVCAS.
Report Approved By:	(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(5)