

CIVCAS Tracker

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Allegation

**CLASSIFICATION:** UNCLASSIFIED      **RELEASABILITY:** ~~FOUO~~  
**ALLEGATION NUMBER:** 592      **ALLEGATION STATUS:** Closed  
**INCIDENT DATE:** 13-May-2015 00:00      **COUNTRY:** IRAQ  
**OPENED DATE:** 26-May-2017 00:00      **LOCATION OF INCIDENT:** Bayji - Salah al-Din Province (92AQ)  
**MGRS:** Not Reported      **NEAREST MAJOR CITY:** Not Reported  
**COORDS UNKNOWN:** No

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**ALLEGATION DATE:** 26-May-2017 00:00  
**SOURCE:** Airwars.org      **SOURCE TYPE:** Social Media  
**DESCRIPTION:** May 13th, 2015: Al Masahag village nr Bayji, Salahudin province Iraq  
 Summary: Six members of one family were reported killed when a coalition drone allegedly struck a vehicle distributing oil products to local people. Responding to questions from Airwars, an MoD spokesman said that no (b)(1)1.4d drone strike took place in the vicinity of al Masahag on that date.  
 Bayji's Mayor, Mohamed Mahmoud said in an interview that "Drone aircraft targeted a wheel loaded with oil derivatives to the north of Bayji killing six people, among them three brothers, all from the same family." He said they were handing out oil derivatives to other families in the region. Mahmoud added that "the dead were all from the Jabour tribe of the people of Bayji, who had fled to the area after Daesh control of their area."  
 Civilians reported killed: 6  
 Reported injured: Unknown

Sources: Iraqi Revolution Facebook page [Arabic], Voice of Iraq [Arabic], Qanon [Arabic]  
Quality of reporting: Fair  
Coalition position: The coalition has confirmed heavy activity at Bayji around the time of the strike. On May 12th-13th 2015 it reported that "Near Bayji, four airstrikes struck one large and two small ISIL tactical units, destroying 10 ISIL fighting positions and an ISIL VBIED." And on May 13th-14th 2015, CJTF-OIR additionally reported that "Near Bayji, eight airstrikes struck one large and six small ISIL tactical units, destroying four ISIL weapons caches, three ISIL buildings, three ISIL vehicles, two ISIL structures, an ISIL fighting position and an ISIL staging point."

## Initial Assessment

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**INITIAL DATE:** Not Reported

**INITIAL ASSESSMENT:** Not Reported

## Assessment Details

### Assessment

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**ASSESSMENT UNIT:** CJTF-OIR

**ASSESSMENT TASK DATE:** Not Reported

**NON-US COALITION NATION:** Not Reported

Analysis: BOA determined that, as a result of this strike, there were 6 EKIA, 3 weapons caches destroyed, and 1 resupply vehicle destroyed. The CIVCAS allegation specifically alleges 6 civilians killed in a civilian vehicle, which closely aligns with the BOA, aside from the characterization of enemy vs. civilian. IOT target the 6 personnel and vehicle, they would have been positively identified as contributing to enemy military action by a standard of reasonable certainty. However, due to the descript nature of the CIVCAS allegation and the fact that the numbers so closely align, it is plausible that the Coalition assessment of PIO was incorrect. It is possible that the distribution of oil could have been misinterpreted as enemy in nature, due to a common ISIS TTP of selling and distributing oil IOT generate revenue from civilians. Due to TOA and the amount of time that has lapsed since the strike, I am unable to obtain any additional information on PIO and this strike.

**ASSESSMENT RESPONSE:**

**ASSESSMENT CIVCAS:** Yes

**FURTHER ACTIONS DIRECTED:** Not Reported

**LESSON LEARNED/ROOT CAUSE:** Not Reported

**ASSESSMENT KILLED:** 6      **ASSESSMENT INJURED:** 0

Status
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**CLASSIFICATION:** UNCLASSIFIED

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**INVESTIGATION STATUS:** NONE

**CLOSED DATE:** 31-May-2017 00:00

**US INVESTIGATION REPORT DATE:** Not Reported

**CLOSED AT:** CCAR

**EX GRATIA:** No

**CIVCAS:** YES

**COMMENTS:** Not Reported

**KILLED:** 6

**INJURED:** 0

**PAO RELEASE DATE:** 07-Jul-2017 11:01

**NA:** No

**REASON FOR NO RELEASE:** Not Reported

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