



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

IRCS

4 JUL 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 463

1. (~~S//NOFORN~~) **BLUF.** Based on the below findings, this allegation was determined to be **CREDIBLE**. That is, more likely than not, two civilians were killed as a result of Coalition strikes on 11 May 2017, IVO Ar Raqqa, Syria. 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. (~~S//REL FVEY~~) TM HAS CT 2 was conducting operations in support of SDF maneuver in Raqqa Valley East. A vehicle was driving at a high rate of speed when it made a sudden turn off the road in the direction of friendly forces. The vehicle's actions aligned to the profile of a recent VBIED attack against US Forces. (b)(1)1.4a which did not occur in this instance. The vehicle was struck by a single (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) At the time of strike (b)(1)1.4a, DGS-2 assessed the vehicle slant at 3/0/0. Post-strike at 0816z, the three previously observed adult males and two previously unobserved children exit destroyed vehicle (slant 3/0/2). 0817z, first responders arrive, bringing slant to 5/0/3. At 0825z, group with a slant of 5/0/1 walk away from destroyed vehicle. At 0833z, bodies are observed lying west of the struck vehicle. At 0839z, the bodies are assessed to be the children from struck vehicle, and probable KIA

b. (~~S//REL FVEY~~) On 5 June 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell requested TF (b)(1) to conduct a CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR).

c. (~~S//NOFORN~~) On 28 June 2017, (b)(3) 10 USC determined that allegation #463 is credible and directed a 15-6 was not to be initiated as it would not illuminate any further information.

3. (U) TF (b)(1) **Findings.**

a. (~~S//NOFORN~~) Based on a review of all reasonable available information, TF (b)(1) assessed the alleged CIVCAS to be credible due to the bodies lying west of the struck vehicle probably being children KIA.

4. (U) **Action.**

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

5. (U) Point of contact is (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6) CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell OIC, at DSN (b)(6)

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