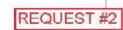
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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT APO AE 09306

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SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation no. 294

- (U) BLUF. Based on the below findings, this allegation is NOT CREDIBLE. 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. (U) On 24 December 2017, the Syria-DART USAID reported t wo Children and one man were killed on 20 DEC 2016 around 1700. Riham Hesham Al Haj (13 Years Old), her Sister Rowan (8 Years Old), and a young man called, "Nafiaa Abdon" (35 Years Old) are alleged to have been killed by CF airstrikes conduct IVO Al-Thawrah city "Tabqah"35°50'47.2"N 38°32'14.4"E. Al-Thawrah is located at MGRS: located at MGRS: (b)(1)1.4a
- b. (S//REL TO USA, FVEY) Following the receipt of this allegation, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an initial assessment of the allegation and found two potential corroborating strikes: strike numbers (b)(1)1.4a
- 3. (U) CJTF-OIR CIVCAS CELL's Initial Assessment
- a. (S//REL TO USA, FVEY) Strike number b)(1)1 4ba deliberate strike, targeted the Mushayrifah ISIL Financial Storage facility. The facility was not a (b)(1)1.4a facility. Although the strike was given a CDE(b)(1)1.4a status, with CDE values of (b)(1)1.4a Weapons System Video shows no civilian activity in the area. Moreover, the allegation states that the individuals were killed around 1700L. Strike number b)(1)1.4struck at (b)(1)1.4a Moreover, the strike was over 1.35 km from Al-Thawrah city. CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell concluded this strike does not corroborate the allegation.
- b. (S//REL TO USA, FVEY) Strike number (b)(1)1.4 struck 1.76 km NE of Al-Thawrah city and did not hit a residential area, which conflicts with the allegation. Moreover, results of the strike indicated no CIVCAS, but only 1x artillery piece destroyed. CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell concluded this strike does not corroborate the allegation.
  - c. (U) The CJFT-OIR CIVCAS Cell recommended closing this allegation.
- 3. (U) Action.
- (U) I direct closure of this CIVCAS incident and that CJTF-OIR PAO publish the press release as soon as practicable.

CIVCAS finding in a

4. (U) Point of contact is

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

2 Encls

1. FIR

2. Screen Shots

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