

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	787		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	24 JUN 2017
Casualty Estimate	20-25 killed ; 12-24 injured		
Incident Date	23 DEC 2016		
Location	Al Bab, Aleppo governorate, Syria (IVO MGRS: (b)(1)1.4a		
Allegation	<p>23rd 2016: الباب Al Bab, Aleppo governorate, Syria Summary: Between 20 and 25 civilians died in a Turkish – or less likely Coalition – raid on al Bab. According to ISIL's media wing, "Turkish planes committed a new massacre in al Bab for the second day running initial toll of 20 dead." Al Bab News later named some of those killed as: Mohammad ali Al Ragheb and his wife Najah Sakeef Their daughter Manal al Ragheb, her son and her brother Mohammad Kheir al Ragheb and his wife and son Mohammad and daughter Najah. Khalil Zakariya al Salch [al Shafi'i] Abu Asa'ad al Maghribi A family from Abu Daham sub-clan LCCSY was the only source to attribute the attack to the US-led Coalition. In an emailed response to a report submitted by Airwars on this and other incidents in December 2016, Coalition officials said the event was presently assessed as 'Not credible for Coalition caused civcas.' Civilians reported killed: 20-25, including 3 women and 3 children Civilians reported injured: 12-24 Sources: LCCSY [Arabic] [Archived], Al A' Amaq Media (ISIL) [Arabic] [Archived], Al Bab News (1) [Arabic] [Archived], Al Bab News (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Al Bab News (3) [Arabic] [Archived], Al Bab News (4) [Arabic] [Archived], Syria News Desk [Arabic] [Archived], Coalition position: For December 22nd-24th the Coalition publicly reported no strikes in Aleppo governorate. Quality of Reporting: Discounted Coalition action. Most likely Turkey</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</p> <p>a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO</p> <p>b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. YES</p> <p>AND</p> <p>c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? 23 DEC 2016</p>		

	<p>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</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a) General Day, YES</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">AND</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO</p> <p>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 reassess. 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. Only one source attributed the attack to Coalition</p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? YES</p> <p>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> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No strikes IVO al Bab between 21-23 DEC 16.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">See “(SECRET) AW Allegation 787 23 DEC 2016.ppt”.</p>
Non-US Coalition Involvement	
Decision	Close Allegation; insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.
Report Approved By:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</div>

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