

CIVCAS Tracker

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

RELEASABILITY: ~~REL TO USA, FVEY~~

Allegation

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

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ALLEGATION NUMBER: 425

ALLEGATION STATUS: Closed

INCIDENT DATE: 17-Apr-2017
00:00

COUNTRY: IRAQ

OPENED DATE: 18-Apr-2017
00:00

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Al-Islah Al-Zarai IVO
(b)(1)1.4a
Al-Qadimah and Al-Zanjili IVO
(b)(1)1.4a
Mosul

MGRS: (b)(1)1.4a

NEAREST MAJOR CITY: Mosul

COORDS UNKNOWN: No

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ALLEGATION DATE: 18-Apr-2017 00:00

SOURCE: WebOps

SOURCE TYPE: Social Media

DESCRIPTION:

WebOps Iraq-Syria SPOT Report 17 APR 2155Z 2017: ISIS Claims Large Numbers of CIVCAS in Western Mosul: At approximately 1518Z on 17 APR, pro-ISIS account (started approximately an hour beforehand) (@i3lamion0) was the first to tweet that there were 55 dead and more than 50 injured from Muslim families during American and "Safavid" (Iraqi) bombing in a number of neighborhoods on the right (western) side of Mosul, without indicating the source of the news. Pro-ISIS accounts, including automated accounts subsequently retweeted the news indicating

that A'maq was the source. Some users such as prominent Islamist Sunni organization (@iraqi_spring) tweeted almost identical wording albeit indicating that the news was from "media sources" and that "51 were killed and more than 50 injured..."

Prominent media figures such as (@HamidHadeed) mentioned the A'maq report before pro-ISIS accounts started to tweet the A'maq banner containing the news of "55 dead and 50 injured" with pro-ISIS user (@igdvhf) being the first. Meanwhile media outlet (@alsharqiyatv) reported on the death of eight, including women and children, during bombing in the neighborhood of al-Islah al-Zara'i (western Mosul). Meanwhile media outlets (@alsharqiyatv) reported on heavy bombing in the neighborhood of Mosul al-Qadimah and media outlet (@wakaltyaqein) reported on heavy bombing in the neighborhood of al-Zanjali. This topic is trending at medium levels and resonating at low levels in the Arabic IE.

(S//REL) RWIP assesses that direct engagement on this topic does not support CENTCOM objectives. RWIP will continue to monitor the information environment for discussion of this topic and will provide an update if our posture changes.

Initial Assessment

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INITIAL DATE: Not Reported

"Closed at Initial Assessment:

INITIAL ASSESSMENT:

a. (S//REL USA, FVEY) Airwars.org contained a corroborating allegation.

b. (S//REL USA, FVEY) Neither WebOps nor Airwars.org included picture or video evidence of CIVCAS. Moreover, neither source provided a specific location, e.g., MGRS, name of building. Lastly, none of the sources clearly indicate the neighborhood associated with this allegation.

c. (S//REL USA, FVEY) The allegation stems from a single source. Although a number of media outlets commented on the allegation, none of the outlets provided independent reports. All subsequent sources used automated accounts to retweet the news, and other

organizations (@iraqi_spring) tweeted almost identical language, indicating a single source.

d. (S//REL USA, FVEY) The single source is a low quality source. Either AAmag, an ISIS propaganda organization, or known pro-ISIS twitter accounts, (@Islamion0), originated this allegation.

e. (S//REL USA, FVEY) Accordingly, CIVCAS Cell recommended this allegation be closed due to lack of specific, particularized information; and, because the allegation stems from a single, low-quality, ISIS propaganda source with no other media outlets independently reporting on this allegation, it is more likely than not that this allegation is NON-CREDIBLE."

Assessment Details

Status

CLASSIFICATION:	UNCLASSIFIED	RELEASABILITY:	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
INVESTIGATION STATUS:	NONE	CLOSED DATE:	16-May-2017 00:00
US INVESTIGATION REPORT DATE:	Not Reported	CLOSED AT:	Initial Assessment- Insufficient Information
EX GRATIA:	No	CIVCAS:	NO
COMMENTS:	Not Reported		
KILLED:	0	INJURED:	0
PAO RELEASE DATE:	07-Jul-2017 10:52	NA:	No
REASON FOR NO RELEASE:	Not Reported		