

## CIVCAS Tracker

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

RELEASABILITY: ~~REL TO USA, FVEY~~

## Allegation

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

RELEASABILITY: FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

ALLEGATION NUMBER: 648

ALLEGATION STATUS: Closed

INCIDENT DATE: 03-Apr-2016 00:00

COUNTRY: IRAQ

OPENED DATE: 26-May-2017 00:00

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Hit, Anbar Province

MGRS: Not Reported

NEAREST MAJOR CITY: Not Reported

COORDS UNKNOWN: No

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RELEASABILITY: NONE

ALLEGATION DATE: 26-May-2017 00:00

SOURCE: Airwars

SOURCE TYPE: Social Media

April 3rd 2016: Hit, Anbar province, Iraq

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### DESCRIPTION:

Summary: Locals reported that eight civilians died after Coalition or Iraq government aircraft struck the Jerri and Amina neighborhoods of Hit.

Among those killed was a family of six: a Facebook tribute page noted: "This is a picture of the martyr Riad Ahmed Rzyk, who was forced out of his house in the Railway Qaurter by Daash, and so moved to the Aminah neighborhood. There his house was bombed by mistake which led to his martyrdom and that of his four children

and his wife."

While most blamed the US-led Coalition, Iraqi Spring instead blamed "the air force" - possibly a reference to the Iraqi military. Among those reported killed were:

Mohammad Ghassan Khashan - a barber

Ahmed Shaban abd Al Rahman Al Hiti

Riad Ahmed Rzeyk, his wife Raghad and their four children

Civilians reported killed: 8, including 4 children and 1 woman

Reported injured: Unknown

Sources: Iraqi Spring Media Centre [Arabic], Hit News Event [Arabic], Hit News [Arabic], Iraqi Spring Meda Centre (2), Hit News Event (2) [Arabic],

Quality of reporting: Contested

Coalition position: For April 2nd-3rd 2016, the Coalition reported: "Near Hit, two strikes struck an ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL used-bridge, an ISIL VBIED factory, 22 ISIL boats, and an ISIL bed down location and denied ISIL access to terrain."

And for April 3rd-4th it was reported that "Near Hit, three strikes struck a large ISIL tactical unit and destroyed an ISIL VBIED, an ISIL heavy machine gun, an ISIL recoilless rifle, and an ISIL staging area and denied ISIL access to terrain."

## 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

ASSESSMENT RESPONSE: "2 April- Strikes (b)(1)1.4a struck IVO Hit, IZ. Neither struck IVO of the Amina neighborhood. Strike (b)(1)1.4a was close but still roughly a Km away from Amina. It is unclear where Jerri neighborhood location is. 3 April- Strike (b)(1)1.4a was roughly .44 Km away from Amina neighborhood. Recommend this allegation is closed at the FIR.  
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ASSESSMENT CIVCAS: No

FURTHER ACTIONS DIRECTED: Not Reported

LESSON LEARNED/ROOT CAUSE: Not Reported

ASSESSMENT KILLED: 0

ASSESSMENT INJURED: 0

## Status

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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: NO

COMMENTS: Not Reported

KILLED: 0

INJURED: 0

PAO RELEASE DATE: 07-Jul-2017 10:28

NA: No



REASON FOR NO  
RELEASE: Not Reported

Approved for Release