SECRET//REL TO USA, FVEY





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

IRCS 12 April 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation no. 397

- 1. (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 19 March 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported Pro-ISIS users circulated via Twitter and Facebook a video from ISIS media outlet, A'maq News Agency, allegedly showing the aftermath of CF airstrikes on al-Butul Maternity Hospital in the neighborhood of al-Zanjili and CIVAS from CF strikes in the same neighborhood. The video showed black smoke coming out of a building and then shelving in flames inside the building. A spokesman in the videos reported that that CF airstrikes targeted the al-Butul training maternity hospital which burned it and documents inside. The second part of the video showed several civilians on hospital cots being rushed to hospital as well as three corpses of elderly individuals and three child corpses with name tags on them laid out on hospital beds. This topic trended and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE.
- 3. (U) CJTF-OIR CIVCAS CELL's Initial Assessment
- a. (S//REL TO USA, FVEY) Following the receipt of this allegation, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an initial assessment of the allegation and found that the nearest strike, strike number (b)(1)1.49 was over .6 km from the Butul hospital. Collateral damage to the hospital was unlikely. CJTF CIVCAS Cell determined the strike did 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 CIVCAS finding in a press release as soon as practicable.

4. (U) Point of contact is

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

2 Encls

1. FIR

Screen Shot

J. SCOTT O'MEARA

BGen, USMC

Chief of Staff