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CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1289		
Incident Date	06 APR 17	Opened Date	09 NOV 17
Source(s)	Airwars		
Source Type	Media	Location	Central Bank in Ar Raqqa
Nearest Major City	Raqqa	MGRS	(b)(1)1.4a
Allegation Description	<p>Estimated Casualties – Killed: 8-9 Injured: 10-11</p> <p>Source #1: April 6th 2017: (S581) الرقة Raqqa, Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: Up to nine civilians died in an airstrike on Raqqa, local media said. According to the Smart News Agency, eight civilians died and 11 were wounded in an alleged Coalition airstrike on Raqqa. A local source told Smart that “the raids targeted the building of the Central Bank near the Bulman garage, south of the city”. Syrian Mirror put the death toll at nine with ten wounded and also blamed the Coalition. Civilians reported killed: 8-9 Civilians reported injured: 10-11 Sources: Smart News Agency [Arabic], [Archived], Syrianpc [Arabic], [Archived], Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (RBSS) [Arabic], [Archived], Edleeb [Arabic], [Archived], Syria-mirror [Arabic], [Archived], Syrianpc [Arabic], [Archived], Coalition monthly report (June 2017), Quality of reporting: Fair</p>		

1. Is this allegation a self-report? **NO**
If yes, add details of potentially corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.
2. Does the allegation actually allege CIVCAS? **YES**
If yes, go to 3.a. If no, close the allegation.
- 3.a. Does the allegation state a single incident and/or location? **YES**
If yes, move to 4. If no, move to 3.b.
- 3.b. Does the allegation contain specific information pairing each CIVCAS allegation with an independent location?
If yes, separate the each of the combined allegations into separate allegations and restart an IA for each.
If no, send a RFI in an attempt to break out the locations and casualties into separate allegations, restart the IA.
If unable to RFI the allegor, go to 7.
4. Does the allegation contain:

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- a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range? **YES**
b) a specific location? **YES**
If yes to BOTH, go to 7. If EITHER are no, then go to 5.

~~5. Does the allegation contain:~~

- ~~a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range?
b) a specific time of day or timeframe?
c) a general location?
— If yes to ALL three, then go to 7. If ANY are no, go to 6.~~

~~6. Does the allegation contain:~~

- ~~a) Video or photo evidence of CIVCAS that can be used to narrow the date/time or location of the allegation?
— If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.b.
b) Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation?
— If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.c.
c) Any high quality sources?
— If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.d.
d) Specific facts that warrant a search for strikes?
— If yes, go to 7. If no, close the allegation.~~

- 7.a. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to conduct a search for strikes? **YES**
If yes, go to 8. If no, go to 7.b.
7.b. Explain in detail why there is insufficient information on the time, location, and details to conduct a search for strikes.

IZ & SY

*MAT: 0 results
CAOC log: 0 results
CJTF log: 0 results*

IZ

CJFLCC log, -email (Start 18 MAY 2017):

SY

TF(1) log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017):

8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? **NO**
If yes, answer the questions below and task CCAR.
If no, provide a detailed explanation and close the allegation.
- Conducted a 48-hour search (05-06 APR 17) for strikes on/around the Central Bank in Ar Raqqa.
 - The search returned zero strike results on the alleged building or the surrounding area.

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~~1. Assessed date of incident:~~

~~2. Location:~~

~~3. Potentially Corroborating Strike Information:~~

~~MGRS:~~

~~Strike Number:~~

~~DTG:~~

~~Target:~~

~~Dynamic/Deliberate:~~

~~Aircraft:~~

~~Call Sign:~~

~~Nationality:~~

~~Munitions & Number dropped:~~

~~Target Number:~~

~~TEA:~~

~~BE #:~~

Non-US Coalition Involvement: N/A

Decision: Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.

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