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CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1009		
Incident Date	17 MAR 17	Opened Date	23 SEP 17
Source(s)	Airwars		
Source Type	Media	Location	New Mosul
Nearest Major City	Mosul	MGRS	(b)(1)1.4a
Allegation Description	<p>Estimated Casualties – Killed: 230-520, Injured: 30+</p> <p>Source #1: March 17th-18th 2017: الجديدة الموصل Al Jadida/ New Mosul neighborhood, Mosul, Nineveh province, Iraq Summary: In the highest reported civilian casualty event of the war against ISIL, as many as 230 or even 520 civilians were killed in a catastrophic event at al Jadida. Local residents, press sources said the civilians, most of them women and children, were killed by airstrikes on the New Mosul neighbourhood. The Coalition later confirmed it had carried out a strike “in the vicinity of alleged civilian casualties” and launched an investigation. The Iraqi military placed the death toll at 61 killed – blamed ISIL. This was at odds with Iraqi civil defence on the scene, who reported at least 137 bodies and said the incident was caused by an airstrike. It was reported that a house near Al Rahma Al Ahli Hospital was bombed in which hundreds of displaced people were hosted, providing them food and shelter as well as a cellar to provide protection from airstrikes. However there were also claims that ISIL had deliberately trapped people in the building. There was some reporting confusion about the date of the incident, which was placed variously between March 17th-20th. It is possible that a number of additional strikes in the near vicinity over some days may also have caused casualties. Both the Coalition and Iraq had announced investigations into whether they had conducted an airstrike which may have ‘inadvertently’ ignited a fuel truck and perhaps a VBIED at the scene. Correspondence Team identified the house as the 3-storey building of Haj Tawfik house. Abdulrahman Al Lawzi reported on Facebook that the Coalition hit the house in New Mosul and that all the people in it had died. 56 male bodies had been found, but “rescue efforts were unable to reach the lower hall where the bodies of women and children are buried”. In total, 126 people were reported killed, as well as 8 in the house next door. Later, Waradana news said that about 150 bodies were still under the rubble. Mosul Insta, a local Facebook group, reported as many as 250 dead: “More than 250 human beings lost their lives in vain. Children, women, elderly and disabled only in the new Mosul area. The list of victims goes on and on and the war rages and burns everything and I do not see it ending soon. The people of Mosul do not have their parents”. Al Jazeera posted a graphic video reporting the strikes, speaking of 137 bodies, mostly women and children.</p>		

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Iraqi Vice-President Osama al-Nujaifi called for an immediate halt to the bombing of western Mosul neighborhoods. "The intensity of the fighting against the terrorist is not exempting officials and leaders from moral and humanitarian responsibility for the increase in the number of innocent civilian casualties who have been forced to remain in their areas by the terrorist organization," he said.

A military source told Alquds that overall "3,864 civilians were killed since the start of military operations on the western side of the city of Mosu" with 22,000 more civilians reportedly injured.

In a filmed visit to the scene on March 24th, the head of the Iraq Provincial Council Basma Basim said that she feared as many as 500 locals had in fact died at al Jadida. The Iraqi Observatory also claimed that 500 bodies had so far been recovered. Local MP Ali al-Metwati claimed 600 had died – and that the authorities were covering up the deaths. **These high allegations may relate to overall civilian fatalities in the neighbourhood.**

On March 26th, Alaraby news reported that "the number of people killed in the US air raid on the new Mosul district on the western coast of the city rose to 511, including 187 children under the age of 15, Iraqi officials said."

A day later, on March 27th, Alaraby put the death toll at 520. On March 31st, they raised it to 531.

The UN and Amnesty International subsequently released information on the attack.

Victims from New Mosul named so far are. The Amnesty report contained the following account: As the fighting intensified Wa'ad Ahmad al-Tai, his brother Mahmoud and their families sought shelter at their other brother's **two-storey home** hoping it would offer them more protection. "We were all huddled in one room at the back of the house, 18 of us, three families. But when the house next door was bombed, it collapsed on us, precisely over the room we were sheltering in. My son Yu'ef, nine, and my daughter Shahad, three, were killed, together with my brother Mahmoud, his wife Manaya and their nine-year-old son Aws, and my niece Hanan. She was cradling her five-month-old daughter, who survived, thank God," he said.

Victims from New Mosul named so far are:

The family of the wife of Ka'im Jassim Al Salim

Hisham Hazem and Issam Hazem of the Sheikh family

The family of Khadr Kaddawi – 12 people including Yarub Khader Kadawi

Base al-a'-Muhzam's family – 11 people

The family of Sinjari – 30 people

Here is Mosul – a local Facebook group – also reported two victims: Firas and Taiba, two young children of Ali Sarhan Al Hayali. They died when a mortar reportedly hit their nearby home, in what may be a separate event.

Twin brothers Ali and Rakan Thamer Abdulla [pictured below], their father Haj Thamer Abdulla and 23 additional family members

A relative of the family said the following in a video by Al Jazeera:

"My family were in three houses, 26 persons, I was always in touch with them before the bombardment. On Thursday morning, my brother sent me a message which reads "Wafa'a, we cannot call due to the heavy bombardment" my heart was feeling like I am not going to see my family again. Their neighbor, Saker, was the only one who survived (...)"

Civilians reported **killed: 230-520**

Civilians reported **injured: 30 or more**

Sources: Ninawa Media Center [Arabic] [Archived], Rudaw [Arabic] [Archived], Mosul Snap [Arabic] [Archived], Captain Farqad (Facebook) [Arabic] [Archived], Gym Egypt [Arabic]

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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 alleged, go to 7.

4. Does the allegation contain:

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? **NO**

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.

- Searched for strikes during 16-17 MAR 17 in New Mosul that are close to Al Rahma Al Ahli Hospital.
- Since the allegation does not provide a specific time of day that the CIVCAS event occurred, there is no way to accurately narrow down the strikes that may potentially corroborate the allegation.

8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes?

— If yes, answer the questions below and task CCAR.

— If no, provide a detailed explanation and close the allegation.

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 #:~~

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MAT: 5 results in the area of the hospital.

CAOC log: 7 results in the area of the hospital.

CJTF log: 4 results in the area of the hospital.

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

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

Non-US Coalition Involvement: N/A

Decision: Close the allegation due to insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility.

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