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REQUEST #157



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

IRCS

31 AUG 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 1215

- (U) BLUF. Based on the below findings, this allegation is NOT CREDIBLE. A search of all available strike records found no corroborating strikes; therefore, there is insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation. 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//FOUO) On 15 August 2017, CJTF-OIR Social Media Roll-Up reported: SM TW users reported that 19 civilians were killed and wounded by CFs airstrike that targeted ISIS hideout in Al-Qaim city in west Anbar.
- b. (S#REL) On 17 August 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell approved the Initial Assessment (IA) and determined the allegation should be closed at the IA.
- 3. (U) CJTF Initial Assessment
 - a. (S//REL) Airwars.org did not contain a corroborating allegation.
- b. (S//REL) The allegation did not include picture or video evidence of CIVCAS.
 Moreover, the allegation did not provide a specific location, e.g., MGRS, name of building.
- c. (S//REL) Based on the poor quality of the social media source, and due to the lack of detail in the allegation to narrow the search, it would be unreasonable to make assessment of credibility.
- d. (S//REL) Accordingly, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell recommended closing this allegation at the Initial Assessment due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.
- 4. (U) Action.
- (U) I direct closure of this CIVCAS incident and that CJTF-OIR PAO publish the result of this CIVCAS assessment in a press release as soon as practicable.

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5. (U) Point of contact is

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

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1. Initial Assessment

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