

**CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT**

<b>Allegation #</b>	1566		
<b>Incident Date</b>	02 OCT 17	<b>Opened Date</b>	11 OCT 17
<b>Source(s)</b>	WebOps		
<b>Source Type</b>	Social Media	<b>Location</b>	Baqris Forqani & Albu Kamal
<b>Nearest Major City</b>	Dayr Az Zawr	<b>MGRS</b>	(b)(1)1.4a
<b>Allegation Description</b>	<p><b>Estimated Casualties – Killed: 10-12, Injured: 2+</b></p> <p><b>Source #1:</b>  <b>(U) 2 October 2017.</b> Twitter users and media outlets circulated reports claiming, 12 civilians, mostly children and women, killed by Coalition airstrikes in Baqris Forqani and Albu Kamal in Deir Al-Zawr outskirts.</p> <p><b>Is this in Airwars? YES</b>  <b>October 2nd 2017: (S1389) فوقاني بقرص, Bokros Foqani, eastern countryside of Deir Ezzor, Syria</b>                      Summary: <b>Between 10 and 12 civilians</b>, including an entire family, died in an airstrike on Bokros Foqani, local media reported. The culprit is currently unclear, though Airwars understands that the Coalition was not bombing in this territory at the time, while Russia reportedly was.                      According to Yasser Al-Zatra, “<b>12 civilians, mostly children and women, died</b> as a result of bombing by the American air force to <b>the village of Buqrs Foqani</b>”.                      Euphrates Post put the death toll at 10 but didn’t indentify the warplanes responsible. It named victims as:                      Zuhair al-Ayed and his entire family.                      Mahran Al-Shatti                      Wife of Ammar Al Asmar (the daughter of Mohammed Al Hamdan)                      However, Step News Agency attributed the event to Russia, putting the death count at 10, “mostly women and children”.                      Civilians reported <b>killed: 10-12</b>                      Civilians reported <b>injured: 2 or more</b>                      Sources: Yasser Al-Zatra [Arabic], [Archived], Euphrates Post [Arabic], [Archived], Step News Agency [Arabic], [Archived],  <b>Quality of reporting: Contested Russia</b></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**

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If yes, go to 3.a. If no, close the allegation.

3.a. Does the allegation state a single incident and/or location? **NO; however, the second location alleged in the WebOps report is not mentioned in the allegation from Airwars. Both reports allege the same number of CIVCAS.**

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:

a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range? **YES**

b) a specific location? **NO**

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? **YES**

b) a specific time of day or timeframe? **NO**

c) a general location? **YES**

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? **NO**

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? **YES**

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***

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

~~SY~~

*Tb<sup>(1)</sup> log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017): 0 results*

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.

- Searched for strikes in Baqris Forqani, SY during a 48-hour period (01-02 OCT 17).
- The search returned zero strike results in the area we identified to be Baqris Forqani.

**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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