REQUEST #77

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	989		
Incident Date	13 MAR 17	Opened Date	17 SEP 17
Source(s)	Airwars		
Source Type	Media	Location	Zor Shamr
Nearest Major City	Raqqa	MGRS	(b)(1)1.4a
Allegation Description	**Estimated Casualties – Killed: 2, Injured: unknown** Source #1: **March 13th 2017: Zor Shamr village, east of Raqqa, Raqqa governorate, Syria** Summary: Two civilians were killed in an alleged Coalition airstrike in Zor Shamr village, east of Raqqa, according to a single source. Smart news agency reported that the strike was "likely" carried out by the Coalition. They reported that "the bombing **targeted a fuel tanker** while it was **crossing the village of Zor Shamr (45 km east of Raqqa City)**, under control of IS, which was heading towards Raqqa having come from Deir Ezzor. The driver and his assistant were killed." Civilians reported **killed: 2** Civilians reported **injured: unknown** Sources: Smart news agency [Arabic], [Archived], **Quality of reporting: Weak** – currently single source		

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 alleger, 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? **NO**
   If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.c.
c) Any high quality sources? **YES**
   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.

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.
   - A 48-hour search for strikes was conducted over 12-13 MAR 17 around the neighborhood of Zor Shamr.
   - Zero strikes were found during the search period.

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 #:

IZ & SY
MAT: 0 results
CAOC log: 0 results
CJTF log: 0 results

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

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

Non-US Coalition Involvement: N/A

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