

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	685		
Source(s)	Airvars	Date Received	21 June 2017
Casualty Estimate	"at least 2 civilians dead"		
Incident Date	22 - 24 October 2016		
Location	Al Jarnia ((Al Jurnia)), SY IVO (b)(1)1.4a		
Allegation	<p>1. Description of allegation: October 24th 2016: الجرنية بلدة Al Jarnia town, Raqqa, Syria Summary: Coalition raids in the vicinity of ground fighting left at least 2 civilians dead, according to local sources. Initial reports from ISIS-controlled Al A'amaq Agency blamed the Coalition for the deaths of two civilians. Subsequent reporting echoed that account (they may have been based on Al A'amaq), Al Jarnia and several other outlets named the two civilians as Abd al Ghani Al Sahoud and Moussa al Zagheer. They also noted that the town was the cite of shelling by Kurdish militias as well as coalition strikes. Shaam News Network also cited Coalition raids and said that "a number" of civilians were also wounded. The Syrian Network said the Coalition was responsible. Step News agency reported that the coalition targeted Al Jarnia with 3 raids "which centered on IS positions and cars in the city center killing two civilians and wounded several others." It noted that ISIL had clashed with the Kurdish led Syrian Democratic Forces in the area. However, a subsequent Smart News report put the toll of Coalition strikes in Jarnia at four civilians and a further five wounded. Civilians reported killed: 2-4 Civilians reported injured: 2-5 Sources: Al A'amaq (ISIL-linked) [Arabic] [Archived], Radio al Kul [Arabic] [Archived], Al Jarnia News Network [Arabic] [Archived], Al Jarnia News Network (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Raqqa is Being Silently Slaughtered [Arabic] [Archived], Raqqa is Being Silently Slaughtered (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Shaam News Network [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (2) [Archived], Syrian Network For Human Rights [Archived], Local Coordinating Committees in Syria [Archived], Al Nateq Network [Arabic] [Archived], Step News Agency [Arabic] [Archived], Smart News Agency [Arabic] [Archived], Halab Today [Arabic] [Archived] Quality of reporting: Fair</p>		

<p>Analysis</p>	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? NO If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO b) a general location, YES AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES <p>If yes to all three, move to 6. If any are no, then move to number 3.</p> <p>3. Does the allegation contain a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) General Day, YES AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO <p>If yes to the two, then move to 6. If any are no, move to number 4.</p> <p>4.a. Is the allegation from a single source (even if there are multiple sources, look at whether the sources lack independence, i.e., all derived from one source)? NO If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.c.</p> <p>4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re-assess. If no, then close the allegation.</p> <p>5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? YES If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.</p> <p>5.b. Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation, OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR? If yes, move to 6. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? YES I.e., does it provide enough information to determine the date within 48 hour; does it provide enough information to determine a neighborhood, landmark, or other way to where the alleged incident occurred within a .5km radius? If yes, move to 7. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation. NO</p> <p>MAT website (SIPR) was used yielded no results. CJTF-OIR trackers checked, no results. CAOC strike log checked, no results.</p> <p>1. Assessed date of incident: 22 - 24 October 2016</p> <p>2. Location: Al Jarnia, SY IVO <input type="text" value="b 11.4a"/></p> <p>3. Corroborating strikes: None</p>
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Non-US Coalition Involvement	None
Decision	Close at IA; insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.
Report Approved By:	(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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