

**CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT**

<b>Allegation #</b>	1995		
<b>Incident Date</b>	24 Jan 2018	<b>Opened Date</b>	1/28/18
<b>Source(s)</b>	WebOps		
<b>Source Type</b>	Social Media	<b>Location</b>	Al-Sha'fah IVO Albu Kamal
<b>Nearest Major City</b>	Abu Kamal	<b>MGRS</b>	(b)(1) 1.4a
<b>Allegation Description</b>	<p><b>Estimated Casualties – Killed: 14, Injured: ##</b></p> <p><b>Source #1:</b>  <b>(U) WebOps Iraq-Syria SPOT Report 24 JAN 1715Z 2018: ISIS' Amaq News Agency Banner Claims 14 CIVCAS in US Airstrike on Al-Sha'fah IVO Albu Kamal</b></p> <p><b>(U) At approximately 1608Z on 24 JAN 2018, an official ISIS media account on Telegram (2 الاعلام ديوان) posted an Amaq News Agency banner claiming that 14 were killed, among them seven women, in an American airstrike yesterday on a hospital in al-Sha'fah near the Syria-Iraq border. Other pro-ISIS users on Telegram and Twitter, and ISIS' Nasher News channels on Telegram, subsequently circulated the same banner or text from the banner. A few pro-ISIS Twitter users posted the banner's text in replies to postings of a very prominent Al-Jazeera reporter (@kasimf) and Al-Jazeera's breaking news account (@AJABreaking) in an attempt to gain more viewership. These users added a graphic to the effect that there is silence when Muslims are killed and yet when the "infidels" are killed, there is an uproar. A few hours prior to the Amaq banner, local news outlet Deir Ezzor 24 (@DeirEzzor24) had reported that warplanes targeted the Albu Masir Complex in al-Sha'fah, leading to its complete destruction, but made no mention of civilian casualties.</b></p> <p><b>(U) Initial Assessment: This topic is trending and resonating at a low level in the Arabic IE on Twitter and Telegram, with no further mention of the US other than what is stated in the Amaq banner.</b></p> <p><b>(S//REL) WebOps Posture: RWIP assesses that direct engagement on this topic does not support CENTCOM objectives. RWIP will continue to monitor the information environment and will counter or disrupt as conditions, opportunities and authorities allow.</b></p>		

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	<p>Source #2: International Coalition Operations Dayr az Zawr Governorate The website of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, SOHR, reported the following: "Deir Ezzor [Dayr az Zawr] Province, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights: the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights learned that at least 13 people were killed in a massacre caused by bombardment of warplanes believed to belong to the International Coalition; targeted al-Shafa [Ash Sha'fah] town located on the eastern banks of Euphrates River, where the bombing caused destruction and damage in the bombed place, and among the casualties there are at least 7 citizen women, also credible sources confirmed to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights that the bombardment was carried out on Tuesday night, raising to 16 including 10 citizen women, the number of people who were killed in bombardment by the same warplanes on the towns of Shafa [Ash Sha'fah] and Hajin in the eastern countryside of Deir Ezzor [Dayr az Zawr], which are controlled by the 'Islamic State' organization, and the death toll is expected to rise because there are some people in critical situation."</p> <p>Is this in Airwars? YES January 23rd 2018: (S1519) الشفعة al Sha'afa, Deir Ezzor governorate, Syria Summary: Up to 15 civilian including as many as seven women died in an alleged Coalition airstrike on a hospital on al Sha'afa, according to local media. Free Deir Ezzor put the death toll at 14 including seven women. It published photographs of ruins of "the hospital targeted by the Coalition". According to the Syrian Network for Human Rights, four women died in the attack. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights put the death toll at "15 casualties including 7 citizen women". It named victims as "Umm Mahmoud from the town of Muhsin and the wife of Ahmed Al Mahmoud Al - Salem Al - Mousa (Al Kadran)". Baladi reported that "on Tuesday, warplanes targeted the 'Al-Pomsir' complex in the town of Al-Sha'afa in Al-Boukamal, east of Deir Al-Zour, which caused its destruction completely." Civilians reported killed: 2-15, including 2-7 women Civilians reported injured: 2 or more Sources: Step News Agency [Arabic], [Archived], Free Deir Ezzor [Arabic], [Archived], Free Deir Ezzor (2)[Arabic], [Archived], Syrian Network for Human Rights (SN4HR) [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SO4HR) [Archived], Shaam News Network [Arabic], [Archived], @QSD_Jabha [Arabic], [this source belongs to SDF] [Archived], @asharqasouri [Arabic], [Archived], @RevoZamalka [Arabic], [Archived], @DeirEzzor24 [Arabic], [Archived], @asharqasouri [Arabic], [Archived], @SYR_REV_NEWS [Arabic], [Archived], Baladi [Arabic], [Archived], Al Jisr [Arabic], [Archived], Syria News [Arabic] [regime propaganda], [Archived], Sana.sy [Arabic], [regime propaganda] [Archived], Euphrates Post [Arabic], [Archived], Quality of reporting: Fair</p>
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**1. Is this allegation a self-report? Yes**

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?**

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

**3.a. Does the allegation state a single incident and/or location?**

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 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?

b) a specific location?

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?**

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: 5 results; 0 corroborating***

***CAOC log: 1 result; 0 corroborating***

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*CJTF log: 0 results*

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

SY

*TF(1) log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017):*

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.

- **Given the information provided, a comprehensive 24hr (23-24 JAN 18) search was conducted.**
- **Allegation alleges strike on hospital in area, zero results wer found to corroborate strike.**

**Note: only strike found was on a one story building( ISIS weapons cache)**

**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:**

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

Exhibits removed per agreement - Bates Number #8770  
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