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REQUEST #44

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1857		
Incident Date	06 JUL 17	Opened Date	2/13/18
Source(s)	Airwars		
Source Type	Social Media	Location	Raqqa
Nearest Major City	Raqqa	MGR8	
Allegation Description	Estimated Casualties – Killed: 1-2, Injured: 0 Source #1: July 6th 2017: (S1018) Raqqa, Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: An elderly civilian male identified as Abdullah Mustafa Ali al Jafaar was reportedly killed in artillery fire on Raqqa, multiple local sources reported. Sources alleged that the SDF was responsible. However Airwars understands that only the Coalition has access to artillery, therefore must be responsible if reporting is correct. According to the Smart News Agency, "activists said that the SDF, which surrounds the city from the four sides, shelled it with artillery shells from its surrounding concentration points, killing two civilians." Civilians reported killed: 1-2 Civilians reported injured: Unknown Sources: Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently [Arabic] [Archived], YPG_Violations [Arabic], [Archived], @reedom_raqa1 [Arabic], [Archived], @rqqqa_r_w_b [Arabic], [Archived], Sharqiya_voice [Arabic], [Archived], Smart News Agency [Arabic], [Archived], Quality of reporting: Weak, 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.

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- 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? If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.b. **NO**
- 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. YES
- 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? **NO**

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.

- Given the information provided, a comprehensive search was conducted.
- Insufficient information on location to narrow down strike.
- Request a RFI for location or close due to insufficient information.

<u>IZ & SY</u> MAT; CAOC log: CJTF log:

<u>12</u> CJFLCC log, -email (Start 18 MAY 2017);

<u>SY</u> TE(1) lag, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017):

8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes?

If yes, answer the questions below and task CCAR.

- If no, provide a detailed explanation and close the allegation.

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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: Although the allegation needs further information, Airwars has currently suspended their RFI responses to CJTF. Close at the IA due to insufficient information as to time, locations, and details to conduct an assessment of credibility.

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