REQUEST #7

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	791		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	24 JUN 2017
Casualty Estimate	30-41 killed ; 143 injured		
Incident Date	29 DEC 2016		
Location	Mosul, Nineveh province, Iraq		
Allegation	 December 29th 2016: Mosul, Nineveh province, Iraq Synopsis: :: Local sources said that up to 41 civilians died and a further 143 were injured following alleged Coalition airstrikes on eastern Mosul neighburhoods in support of a renewed push to capture the city from ISIL. Iraqi Spring placed the death toll at 41, while MNN said at least 30 died. In its February 2017 civilian casualty report, the Coalition noted two events for December 29th – one of which had been dismissed, the other still under investigation. An official confirmed to Airwars on February 16th 2017 that this event had been assessed as 'not credible.' Civilians reported killed: 30-41 Civilians reported injured: 143 Sources: Iraqi Spring Media Centre [Archived], MNN [Arabic] [Archived], Raedlay [Arabic] [Archived], Shadows [Arabic] [Archived], @othmanmhmmadr [Arabic] [Archived], Coalition monthly civilian casualty report (February 2017), Quality of reporting: Fair, though Coalition assesses as 'not credible' Coalition position: For December 28th-29th 2016, the Coalition reported that "Near Mosul, three strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit; destroyed seven front-end loaders, four command and control nodes, two land bridges, a VBIED factory, a vehicle, and a steam roller; and damaged 24 supply routes." For December 29th-30th it stated: "Near Mosul four strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit; destroyed it ISIL-held buildings, five supply caches, three tactical vehicles, two mortar systems, two fighting positions, two VBIEDs, a tunnel, an observation post, a research lab, a command and control node, an up-armored VBIED, two barges, and two artillery pieces; suppressed five mortar teams; and damaged 20 supply routes and two repeater towers." Quality of Reporting: Fair 		

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1	1. Is this allegation a self-report? NO If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and
Analysis	task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.
	2. Does the allegation include
	a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO
	b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized
	city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili.
	AND
	c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? 29 DEC 2016
	If yes to all three, move to 6. If any are no, then move to number 3.
	3. Does the allegation contain a
	a) General Day, YES
	AND
	b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO
	If yes to the two, then move to 6. If any are no, move to number 4.
	4.a. Is the allegation from a single source NO (even if there are multiple sources, look at
	whether the sources lack independence, i.e., all derived from one source)? If yes, move to
	4.b. If no, move to 5.
	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.
	4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re- assess. If no, then close the allegation.
	5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? NO If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.
	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.
	6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? NO. Mosul only.
	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.
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	7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and
	task CCAR. If no, close allegation.
New US Occase	
Non-US Coalition Involvement	
Involvement	

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Decision	Close Allegation; insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility.
Report Approved By:	(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)
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