

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

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| Allegation # | 710 | | |
| Source(s) | AIRWARS | Date Received | 18 JUN 2017 |
| Casualty Estimate | 4 killed, at least 2 injured | | |
| Incident Date | 6 NOV 2016 | | |
| Location | Al Safsafa neighborhood Raqqa | | |
| Allegation | <p>November 6th 2016: الرقة Al Safsafa neighbourhood Raqqa City, Raqqa governorate, Syria</p> <p>Summary: Four civilians were killed in coalition strikes, according to local sources. Step News Agency reported that "4 civilians were killed and others injured in an air raid by the international coalition targeting Al Safsafa neighborhood in the city of Raqqa."</p> <p>Al Mirsad and Al Amawi also reported raids in the neighborhood and said 4 civilians were killed.</p> <p>Radio al Kul noted that clashes had taken place during the night between Kurdish forces and ISII, near Ain Issa, shortly after the announcement of the SDF's campaign to retake Raqqa.</p> <p>Civilians reported killed: 4</p> <p>Civilians reported injured: at least 2</p> <p>Sources: Step News Agency [Arabic] [Archived], Al Mirsad News [Arabic] [Archived], Al Amawi News [Arabic] [Archived], Radio al Kul [Arabic] [Archived]</p> <p>Quality of Reporting: Fair</p> | | |
| Analysis | <p>1. Is this allegation 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, e.g., Tabqaah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. Al Safsafa neighborhood, Raqqa AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? 6 NOV 2016 <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> | | |

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| | <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? NO 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. YES, 3 sources.</p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? NO. The allegation says Al-Safsafa neighborhood of Raqqa city but the only Al_Safsafa found during research was a village next to Tapqa, over 20 miles away. The report contains insufficient information on time, location and details to assess its credibility. 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</p> |
| Non-US Coalition Involvement | |
| Decision | Close IA; insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility. |
| Report Approved By: | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</div> |