

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

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| Allegation # | 782 | | |
| Source(s) | AIRWARS | Date Received | 24 JUN 2017 |
| Casualty Estimate | 12-40 killed ; unknown injured | | |
| Incident Date | 15 DEC 2016 | | |
| Location | Mosul, Nineveh Province, Iraq (IVO: MGRS | (b)(1)1.4a | Eastern Mosul |
| Allegation | <p>December 15th 2016: Mosul, Nineveh Province, Iraq Synopsis: : More than a dozen civilians – and possibly more than 40 – were reported killed in eastern Mosul. Yaqein reported that 15 civilians were killed by a missile on the east side of Mosul, all from the same family – though a source it cited put the death toll lower, at 12. It did not say who was responsible, but noted that the deaths came amid fighting in the area. A separate account posted on Naynawaalghad.tv indicated that a higher number – over 40 civilians, including women and children – were killed as a result of “air and artillery bombardments.” That account and others referenced victims still being trapped under rubble and isolated from rescuers due to continued fighting. In an emailed response to a report submitted by Airwars on this and other incidents in December 2016, Coalition officials requested additional information concerning the alleged event. Civilians reported killed: 12-40 Civilians reported injured: unknown Sources: Yaqein [Arabic] [Archived], Naynawaalghad.tv [Arabic] [Archived], News of Iraq [Arabic] [Archived], No to Terrorism/South of Mosul [Arabic] [Archived], Iraqyoon [Arabic] [Archived], Quality of reporting: Contested – ISIL, Iraqi Security Forces and an unnamed aerial presence all implicated. Coalition position: For December 14th-15th, the Coalition reported “Near Mosul, two strikes engaged an ISIL tactical unit; destroyed a fighting position; suppressed 11 ISIL tactical units and 13 mortar teams.” For December 15th-16th, the Coalition reported “Near Mosul, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit; destroyed five ISIL-held buildings, two fighting positions, a heavy machine gun, a bulldozer, and a rocket-propelled grenade launcher; and suppressed three tactical units and a mortar.”</p> <p>Quality of Reporting: ISIL, Iraqi Security Forces and an unnamed aerial presence all implicated.</p> | | |

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| <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, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? 15 DEC 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 <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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.</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? NO. Eastern Mosul only.</p> <p>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> |
| <p>Non-US Coalition Involvement</p> | |

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| Decision | Close at IA; insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility. |
| Report Approved By: | <div>(b)(3) 10 USC 130b, (b)(8)</div> |

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