REQUEST #85

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1095		
Incident Date	30 -31 MAR 17	Opened Date	27 SEP 17
Source(s)	Airwars		
Source Type	Media	Location	Al Safsaf village
Nearest Major City	Raqqa	MGRS	(b)(1)1.4a
Allegation Description	Estimated Casualties – Killed: 1 Injured: 3 Source #1: March 30th – 31st 2017: Al Safsaf village, western Raqqa countryside, Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: According to the Smart News Agency, "a local source said on ==Thursday night== that a civilian was killed and three others were injured in the village of Safsaf west of Raqqa in a bombardment likely to be from the French artillery stationed in the village of Ja'aber in the countryside under the control of SDF". Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently reported "Heavy artillery shelling by the Kurdish militias" in the vicinity, but didn't mention civilian casualties. Civilians reported killed: 1 Civilians reported injured: 3 Sources: Smart News Agency [Arabic], [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Archived], Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently (RBSS) [Arabic], [Archived], Quality of reporting: Weak – currently 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.

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? **YES, Thursday** night
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.
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? **YES**
   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.

The allegation states that the incident occurred on **Thursday night. For** night time the search parameter **will be 1800 local to 0500 local (1500Z 30 Mar 17 – 0200Z 31 Mar 17)**

<u>IZ & SY</u>
MAT: 0 results
CAOC log: 0 results
CJTF log: 0 results

<u>IZ</u>
CJFLCC log, -email (Start 18 MAY 2017): N/A

<u>SY</u>
T(b)(1) log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017): N/A

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.

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: none

Decision: Close the IA. Insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.

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