REQUEST #13

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	909

Source(s)	Airwars.org	**Date Received**	6 July 2017

Casualty Estimate	**Killed: 2**
Incident Date	18-20 Feb 2017
Location	**Desert of al Jalaa town, Deir Ezzor governorate, IVO** [box: (b)(1)1.4a]
Allegation	**February 20th 2017: desert of al Jalaa town, Deir Ezzor governorate, Syria** **Summary: Two civilians died in an alleged Coalition airstrike in a car in the desert of al Jalaa**, according to local sources. According to Euphrates Post and the Shaam News Network, the two deaths occurred when Coalition jets struck a "Hyundai car carrying petrol in the desert of al Jalaa". LCCSY reported that the "international coalition carried out several raids on oil fields in the east of the province." Al Amawi and Fresh Syria also attributed the event to the Coalition. On April 30th 2017 the Coalition flagged the event as 'not credible', noting: "Feb. 20, 2017, near Dayr Az Zayr, Syria, via social media report: No Coalition strikes were conducted on that day in the geographic area of the reported civilian casualties." Civilians reported **killed: 2** Civilians reported **injured: unknown** Sources: Euphrates Post [Arabic], [Archived], Shaam News Network [Arabic], [Archived], LCCSY [Arabic], [**Archived**], Al Amawi [Arabic], [Archived], Fresh Syria [Arabic], [Archived], Coalition monthly casualty report (May 2017), **Quality of reporting: Fair, though no Coalition strike reported**

Analysis	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.
	
	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. **YES, desert of Jalaa**
	    AND
	    c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? **YES**
	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 (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. 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? **YES** 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** 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. **The closest strike to the coordinates provides by airwars is 14 km away, on an oil wellhead. No other strikes nearby.**
Non-US Coalition Involvement	None.
Decision	Close at IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation. • The closest strike to the coordinates provides by airwars is 14 km away, on an oil wellhead. No other strikes nearby.
Report Approved By:	(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)