CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1207
Source(s)	Social Media Airwars
Casualty Estimate	killed: 2 injured: 25
Incident Date	8 – 9 AUG 17
Location	**Fatima Al-Zahraa Women's Hospital, in the center of the city, Mayadin, SY (neighborhoods of Jora)**

Date Received	11 AUG 17

Allegation

1. Source #1: 20170809-U-SOCIAL MEDIA (ROLL-UP)

Reports of CFs airstrike that targeted a women clinic (Fatima Azzahraclinic in the city of **Al Mayadin**. The airstrike caused some civilian causalities and few others injured.)

2. Is this in Airwars? YES
August 8th 2017: (S1183) الميادين **al Mayadin, Deir Ezzor**
Summary: Two children were killed and 25 other civilians injured (mostly women and children) in airstrikes on the **city of al Mayadeen, Deir Ezzor**, local media reported. The offensive struck the **Fatima Al-Zahraa Women's Hospital**. It is not wholly clear at present who was responsible.
On Jisirtv news they cited an A'amaq's agency report which blamed Moscow, and refered to the use of cluster bombs in the alleged strikes. In the same report they described the location of the alleged strikes to have been the 'vicinity of the **National Hospital** and the **Center for the revival of the countryside'**. Activists in a Syriahr news also allegde that 'warplanes, likely to be Russian' were responsible for the incident.
A Tweet by @HadiAlabdallah held the US led Coalition responsible for the attacks, however at present all other sources point toward Russia, and 'warplanes' or 'cluster bombs' to have been involved.
Civilians reported **killed: 2 children**
Civilians reported **injured: 25** – mostly women and children
Sources: Youtube by Mohannad Dolabi [Arabic] [Archived], Jisirtv news [Arabic] [Archived], Tweet by @HadiAlabdallah [Arabic] [Archived], Tweet by @el_w1___1__T [Arabic] [Archived], Syriahr news [Arabic] [Archived], Smart News [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Arabic] [Archived], Facebook post by Euphrates [Arabic] [Archived], Facebook post by Euphrates (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Facebook post by Euphrates (3) [Arabic] [Archived], Al Hassaka Rasd [Arabic] [Archived], Al Hassaka Rasd (2) |Arabic||Archived|, Radioalkul news |Arabic||Archived|
Quality of reporting:. Contested

Analysis	1. Is this allegation a self-report? If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2. **NO** 2. Does the allegation include a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS? **YES** b) a general location. e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; **YES** 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,~~ ~~AND~~ ~~b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building?~~ ~~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)? If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.~~ ~~4.b. Is the single source a high quality source (well-known/credible news source)~~ **OR** ~~does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR, i.e., a way to narrow down a reasonable list of strikes to assess. 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? 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? 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. **YES** 7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation. **NO** **1. Assessed date of incident:** **2. Location:** **3. Corroborating strikes:** **IZ & SY** **MAT**, *no strikes*

	CAOC log, *no strikes* CJTF kmz, *no strikes* CJTF log, *no strikes* $\underline{SY}$ T(b)(1)log. – *no strikes*
Non-US Coalition Involvement	None.
Decision	Close at the IA due to insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation. • There are no coalition strikes in or around Mayadin from 8 – 9 AUG 2017.
Report Approved By:	(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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