

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	692		
Source(s)	Airwars	Date Received	21 June 2017
Casualty Estimate	"Ten civilians were killed by airstrikes."		
Incident Date	24 – 26 October 2016		
Location	Nu'man village, SY IVO (b)(1)/1.4e		
Allegation	<p>1. Description of allegation: October 26th 2016: نعمان قرية Nu'man village, Aleppo governorate, Syria Summary: Ten civilians were killed by airstrikes, according to local sources. An initial report by ISIL-controlled Al A'amaq said that "10 civilians killed in American raids on a group of fuel trucks in the village of Nu'man east of Akhtareen in the Aleppo countryside." A video with the Al A'amaq logo showed a large fire burning on a road, emitting deep black smoke. Shaam News Network cited Al A'amaq, but added context, reporting that rebels were approaching the village, which Al Jisr TV (in a separate report) said was still under control of ISIL. A reporter for Al Jisr TV, which also cited A'aq's casualty figures, said it wasn't clear if the village was in the hands of ISIL or rebels. Turk Press, while reporting two "international coalition forces" strikes on Nu'man (without providing a date) also reported that the "Turkish army targeted 174 sites" belonging to ISIS and Kurdish rebels in "northern Syria" as part of Operation Euphrates Shield. Civilians reported killed: 10 Civilians reported injured: unknown Sources: Al A'amaq (ISIL-controlled) [Arabic] [Archived], Al A'amaq (ISIL-controlled) (2) – video [Arabic] [Archived], Shaam News Network [Arabic] [Archived], Al Jisr TV – video [Arabic] [Archived], Turk Press [Arabic] [Archived], Quality of reporting: Contested – Turkish forces also active in the area.</p>		
Analysis	<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 a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO b) a general location, 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.</p> <p>3. Does the allegation contain a a) General Day, YES AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO</p>		

	<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 (even if there are multiple sources, look at whether the sources lack independence, i.e., all derived from one source)? YES 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. YES, this single source could be considered high quality based on the outlets that circulated and added contextual information to this allegation. 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? If yes, move to . 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? YES 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. NO</p> <p>1. Assessed date o incident: 24 – 26 October 2016</p> <p>2. Location: Nu'man village, SY IVO (b)(1)1.4a</p> <p>3. Corroborating strikes: None</p>
Non-US Coalition Involvement	None
Decision	Close at LA; insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.
Report Approved By:	(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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