

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1802		
Incident Date	11-12 Nov 17	Opened Date	24 Nov 17
Source(s)	WebOps		
Source Type	Media	Location	al-Da'ij village IVO
Nearest Major City	Shadadi	MGRS	
Allegation Description	<p>Estimated Casualties – Killed: Unknown, Injured: Unknown</p> <p>Is this in Airwars? NO</p> <p>ALCON,</p> <p>(U) WebOps Iraq-Syria SPOT Report 12 NOV 1400Z 2017: Reports of 15 CIVCAS Due to CF Airstrike in Hassakah.</p> <p>(U) At approximately 1400Z on 11 NOV, pro-Syrian oppositions Twitter account (@ShMC99) reported that CF airstrike committed a massacre in al-Da'ij village IVO al-Shadadi, Hassakah. At approximately 2100Z on 11 NOV, regional media outlet alkhahour.net, reported that a CF airstrike targeted a civilian vehicle IVO Tal al-Shayer village in al-Shadadi, Hassakah. The report added that the first strike targeted the vehicle in al-Da'ij village, killing and fatally wounding those in the car. When the wounded were rushed to a medical center, another CF airstrike targeted the ambulance, killing all civilians inside. The report added that residents attempted to get the bodies of those killed and attend to the wounded; however, they were deterred from approaching the area by Asayish militias (Kurdish police). Social media users and regional outlets reported that 15 civilians were killed and injured due to the airstrikes.</p> <p>(U) Initial Assessment: This topic is trending and resonating at a medium level with anti-US sentiment among pro-Syrian opposition and anti-US users in the Arabic IE.</p> <p>(S//REL) WebOps Posture: RWIP will continue to monitor the information environment for discussion of this topic and will provide an update if our posture changes. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any additional questions or concerns.</p>		

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	<p>ALCON,</p> <p>(U) WebOps Russian SPOT Report 12 NOV 1435Z 2017: Pro-Kremlin Media Outlets Claim that US-led Coalition airstrike killed 10 Civilians in Deir ez-Zor, Syria.</p> <p>(U) At approximately 1000Z on 12 NOV 2017, citing Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA), Russian media outlets reported that US-led Coalition warplanes attacked the village of Duaiji in the province of Deir ez-Zor on the Syrian-Iraqi border and stated that the alleged airstrike killed 10 civilians. Citing SANA the article states that the aviation targeted residential sites in Tal al-Shayer where one of the airstrikes hit an ambulance and killed everyone in the vehicle.</p> <p>Separately, the article states that last Thursday on 09 NOV, the Syrian Permanent Mission to the United Nations sent a letter to the Secretary General of the UN and to the chairman of the Security Council accusing the US-led Coalition covering up the withdrawal of ISIS fighters from Raqqa and Deir ez-Zor during operations to liberate mentioned cities. Separately, the article mentions the Syrian Army's success in liberating the last stronghold of ISIS in the Syrian city of Abu-Kamal and the final stages of the fight against terrorists in Iraq where the military liberated Rumana district and moving towards Rawa city which is about 100 kilometers from Abu-Kamal. Separately, the article reports stated that the US-led Coalition actions are not coordinated with the official Syrian Government and the UN Security Council, and as a reminder that at the end of October the US-led Coalition admitted killing 786 civilians as a result of airstrikes conducted in Syria and Iraq from the beginning of the military operation against terrorists in August 2014.</p> <p>(S//REL) Initial Assessment: This topic is trending and resonating at a medium level with anti-US sentiment in the Russian IE. RWIP assesses that pro-Kremlin propagandists are amplifying these reports in order to degrade and slander the U.S.-led Coalition efforts in the region.</p> <p>(S//REL) WebOps Posture: RWIP will continue to monitor the information environment for discussion of this topic and will provide an update if our posture changes.</p>
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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

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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**

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? **No**

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.

- Given the information provided, there is insufficient information on the location to assess strike.
- Different mapping tools to located alleged area but was unable to find the coordinates.

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MAT:

CAOC log:

CJTF log:

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~~CJFLCC log, -email (Start 18 MAY 2017):~~

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~~Tb(1) log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017):~~

- ~~8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes?
—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:

TFA:

BE #:

Non-US Coalition Involvement: None

Decision: Close at the IA due to insufficient information as to time, locations, and details to conduct an assessment of credibility.

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