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REQUEST #88

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1821		
Incident Date	1 Jul 17	Opened Date	23 Dec 17
Source(s)	Airwars		
Source Type	NGO	Location	Raqqa City, Raqqa Governorate, Syria
Nearest Major City	Raqqa	MGRS	(b)(1)1.4a
Allegation Description	Source #1: July 1st 2017: (S984) Raqqa, Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: Four civilian males from one family were killed in alleged Coalition airstrikes on Raqqa, local sources reported. They were identified as Merhaf Ahmed al Shammati, Mohammed Ahmed al Shammati, Abdul Rahman Hassan al Shammati and Hussain Ghassan al Shammati. Five of the seven sources which reported the deaths alleged that the Coalition was responsible. Civilians reported killed: 4 Civilians reported injured: Unknown Sources: @Freedom_Raqqa1 [Arabic] [Archived], @Soheb1800 [Arabic] [Archived], Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently [Arabic] [Archived], Al Hasaka Arabea [Arabic] [Archived], Baraa al Salama [Arabic] [Archived], Abu al Majed al Edlibi [Arabic] [Archived], Isaa al Hadath [Arabic] [Archived] Quality of reporting: Fair.		

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.

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- 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? NO
- 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. **NO**
- 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. **YES**
- 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.

Recommend RFI to Airwars asking for more details as to the exact location of this CIVCAS. We only have Raqqa City as the location without any neighbourhoods, prominent landmarks or noteworthy buildings mentioned.

In the event nothing further is received, recommend closure of this allegation.

HAT:

CAOC log:

CJTF log:

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

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

8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes?

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If yes, answer the questions below and task CCAR. If no, provide a detailed explanation and close the allegation.

Note: Given the information provided, there are too many corroborating results to narrow down alleged strikes.

Request RFI to Airwars for location or close due to insufficient information.

1. Assessed date of incident:

2. Location:

3. Potentially Corroborating Strike Information:

MCRS:

Strike Number:

DTG:

Target:

Dynamic/Deliberate:

Aircraft:

Call Sign:

Nationality:

Munitions & Number dropped:

Target Number:

TEA:

BE #:

Non-US Coalition Involvement:

Decision: Although the allegation needs further information, Airwars has currently suspended their RFI responses to CJTF. Close at the IA due to insufficient information as to time, locations, and details to conduct an assessment of credibility.