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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT APO AE 09306

IRCS

23SEP 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 527

- 1. (U) BLUF. Based on the below findings, this allegation is NOT CREDIBLE. A thorough review of all available strike records indicates that it is more likely than not that the alleged civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and make available for immediate public release.
- 2. (U) Background. I considered the following information in making my findings:
- a. (SMREL) On 11 June 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell received an allegation from the UNAMI Weekly Report for 26 May 1 June 2017. The allegation stated that at 18:30 hours on 28 May, an airstrike hit a group of civilians while they were walking in al-Najafy Street in the ISIL-controlled Old Mosul city. The airstrike reportedly killed 15 civilians, including four women and two children, and wounded eight others, including a child and three women. Sources report that the target of the airstrike was an ISIL convoy passing through the incident site. Five strikes were identified as potentially corroborating.
- b. (S#REL) On 21 June 2017, CJFT-OIR CIVCAS Cell directed (0)(1)1.4a to conduct a CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR).
- c. (S//REL) On 26 August 2017,(b)(1)1 4a, (b) approved the assessment, finding the allegation to be NOT CREDIBLE. (b)(1)1.4a recommends no further action be taken.
- 3. (U) CIVCAS Credibility Assessment
- a. (S#REL) Full motion video (FMV) was unavailable for review. Strike video is only retained for thirty days before the data is deleted.
- b. (S#REL) Five strikes occurred within the vicinity of al-Najafy Street in old Mosul on 28 May 2017. The strike nearest to the grid referenced was over 500 meters from the site of the alleged CIVCAS. There were a number of buildings between the strike sites and the site of the alleged CIVCAS.
- c. (S#REL) Available strike data show the nearest strikes to the grid referenced on 28 May 2017, are over 500 meters away from the site of the alleged CIVCAS. U.S. Forces are not employing munitions with a Casualty Effective Radius (CER) greater than 500 meters in the CJTF area of operations.
 - d. (S//REL) The CCAR does not establish a violation of ROE or LOAC.

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- 4. (U) Action.
- (U) I direct closure of this CIVCAS incident and that CJTF-OIR PAO publish the result of this CIVCAS assessment in a press release as soon as practicable.
- 5. (U) Point of contact is

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b. (b)(6)

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1. FIR

2. CCAR

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BG, US ARMY Chief of Staff Pages 415 through 432 redacted for the following reasons:

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