

CIVCAS Tracker

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

RELEASABILITY: ~~REL TO USA, FVEY~~

Allegation

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

RELEASABILITY: ~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~

ALLEGATION NUMBER: 644

ALLEGATION STATUS: Closed

INCIDENT DATE: 18-Mar-2016
00:00

COUNTRY: IRAQ

OPENED DATE: 26-May-2017
00:00

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Hawijah Kirkuk
Provence

MGRS: Not Reported

NEAREST MAJOR CITY: Not Reported

COORDS UNKNOWN: No

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

RELEASABILITY: NONE

ALLEGATION DATE: 26-May-2017 00:00

SOURCE: Airwars

SOURCE TYPE: Social Media

March 18th-19th 2016: Hawijah, Kirkuk province, Iraq

Summary: Up to 41 civilians were allegedly killed and 53 injured in an airstrike on Hawijah which was said to have struck the city's main market and hospital.

The Daesh-linked Al A'amaq Agency initially reported the "Killing of four [civilians] and the wounding of 10 - most of them women and children - in an air strike targeting a market in the town."

DESCRIPTION:

Subsequent reports said the town's main hospital was also targeted - and was "completely destroyed" according to one source. Mass casualties were claimed.

Some local sources claim the event was an act of 'revenge' following the earlier shooting down of an Iraqi military aircraft. A Daesh propaganda video titled 'Iraqi Air Strikes on Hospital' showed extensive destruction and casualties.

Only after the reported strike on the hospital did local media begin blaming the Coalition, insisting there were as many as 100 civilian dead and injured. One source - Dijlah TV - claimed the event was a joint Iraqi-Coalition raid which had mistakenly bombed the hospital. Civilians reported killed: 41

Reported injured: 53

Sources: Al A' Amaq Agency (Daesh linked) [Arabic], Iraqi Revolution [Arabic], Hawijah News [Arabic], Hawijah News (2) [Arabic], Hawijah Now [Arabic], Iraqi Revolution (2) [Arabic], Salah al-Din Revolution [Arabic], Herak News [Arabic], GRAPHIC Video - 'March 19th - Iraqi Air Strikes on Hospital' (Daesh propaganda), Dijlah TV [Arabic], Al Jazeera report [Arabic],

Quality of reporting: Contested - highly likely to have been an Iraqi military event

Coalition position: For March 18th-19th 2016, the Coalition reported that "Near Al Huwayja, one strike destroyed an ISIL anti-air artillery piece."

Initial Assessment

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INITIAL DATE: Not Reported

INITIAL ASSESSMENT: Not Reported

Assessment Details

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RELEASABILITY: REL TO USA, FVEY

ASSESSMENT UNIT: CJTF-OIR

ASSESSMENT TASK
DATE: Not Reported

NON-US COALITION NATION: Not Reported

ASSESSMENT RESPONSE: Because the Quality of reporting is, Contested - highly likely to have been (b)(1)1.4d military event. Recommend this allegation closed at the FIR.

ASSESSMENT CIVCAS: No

FURTHER ACTIONS DIRECTED: Not Reported

LESSON LEARNED/ROOT CAUSE: Not Reported

ASSESSMENT KILLED: 0

ASSESSMENT INJURED: 0

Status

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

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INVESTIGATION STATUS: NONE

CLOSED DATE: 31-May-2017 00:00

US INVESTIGATION REPORT DATE: Not Reported

CLOSED AT: CCAR

EX GRATIA: No

CIVCAS: NO

COMMENTS: Not Reported

KILLED: 0

INJURED: 0

PAO RELEASE DATE: 07-Jul-2017 10:27

NA: No

REASON FOR NO RELEASE: Not Reported