

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	704		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	17 Jun 2017
Casualty Estimate	3-5 killed		
Incident Date	4 NOV 2016		
Location	Al Hiyewi village, Raqqa, Syria		
Allegation	<p>November 4th 2016: الحيوبي قرية Al Hiyewi village, Raqqa, Syria</p> <p>Summary: Three men were killed in airstrikes, according to a local source. RBSS reported the deaths of three men "following air raids carried out by the international coalition." It named the victims as Mahmoud al Kader, Mohammad al Rudaini, and Mohammad al Atra. The Syrian Network and several outlets including Shaam News Network also reported the deaths of 3 civilians. Deir Ezzor and al Raqqa Legal Network shared the same three names as RBSS. LCCSY, however, put the number killed in Hiyewi at five. A statement later issued by 100 Syrian writers provided more details: "Coalition aircraft had targeted on Friday a civilian car with machine guns, killing three people from Khaniz village near Raqqa, close to al Hiyewi village. They were returning to their village after giving their condolences to a relative who was also killed by the International Coalition." The statement also called on the Coalition to "stop targeting civilians in the province of Raqqa and in all other areas, and open transparent investigation incidents into shelling of civilian sites by the international coalition and to hold accountable anyone found responsible."</p> <p>Sources: Raqqa is Being Silently Slaughtered [Arabic] [Archived], Raqqa is Being Silently Slaughtered (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Press Centre [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Network for Human Rights [Arabic] [Archived], Deir Ezzor and al Raqqa Legal Network [Arabic] [Archived], Shaam News Network [Arabic] [Archived], LCCSY [Arabic] [Archived], All 4 Syria [Arabic] [Archived], Writers' Statement [Arabic] [Archived],</p> <p>Quality of Reporting: Fair</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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO b) a general location, e.g., Tabqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. Al Hiyewi village AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? 4 NOV 2016 <p>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</p> <p>a) General Day, YES</p> <p>AND</p> <p>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)? NO. 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 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 6. 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? 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. NO. Unable to locate Al Hiyewi or Khaniz village via GoogleEarth, Gazetteer, Wikimapia. Airwars did not provide any grid or location details in the allegation. Insufficient location data.</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation.</p>
<p>Non-US Coalition Involvement</p>	
<p>Decision</p>	<p>Close at IA. Insufficient information to make an assessment of credibility.</p>
<p>Report Approved By:</p>	<p>(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</p>