

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	781		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	24 JUN 2017
Casualty Estimate	12-50 killed ; >21 injured		
Incident Date	13-14 DEC 2016		
Location	Mosul, Nineveh Province, Iraq (IVO: MGRS b 1)1.4e Eastern Mosul		
Allegation	<p>December 13th-14th 2016: Mosul, Nineveh Province, Iraq Synopsis: :: At least 40 civilians were killed and dozens wounded due to shelling in eastern Mosul. Yaqein reported that 50 civilians, mostly women and children, were killed in government mortar attacks overnight. Iraqi Spring Media Center cited reports of more than 40 civilians having died under rubble overnight. They said that dozens more were wounded but could not be reached because of continued shelling in the eastern part of Mosul. Al Jazeera Mubashar reported a lower number of 12 killed by shelling. Civilians reported killed: 12-50 Civilians reported injured: more than 24 Sources: Yaqein [Arabic] [Archived], Iraqi Spring Media Center [Arabic] [Archived], News of Iraq [Arabic] [Archived], Al Jazeera Mubashar Channel [Arabic] [Archived] Quality of reporting: Contested – involved shelling, and fighting between both Iraqi and ISIL forces. There were no reports of airstrikes playing a role in the carnage. Coalition position: Not relevant on this occasion.</p> <p>Quality of Reporting: Contested – involved shelling, and fighting between both Iraqi and ISIL forces</p>		
Analysis	<p>1. Is this a legit on 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., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. NO <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? 13-14 DEC 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) General Day, YES <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO 		

	<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 NO (even if there are multiple sources, look at whether the sources lack independence, i.e., all derived from one source)? 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. 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? YES 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? NO. Eastern Mosul only.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation.</p>
Non-US Coalition Involvement	
Decision	Close at IA; insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility.
Report Approved By:	(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)