

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	673		
Source(s)	Airwars	Date Received	19 June 2017
Casualty Estimate	"12 civilians were killed"		
Incident Date	15-16 October 2016		
Location	Al Jurnia Town, Raqqa governorate, Syria IVO (b)(1)1.4a		
Allegation	<p>I. Description of allegation: October 15th-16th 2016: الجرنية بلدة Al Jurnia Town, Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: 12 civilians were killed, including a number of women and children, and several people injured following an alleged Coalition strike, according to local reports. Raqqa is Being Silently Slaughtered reported that "the family of Mohammad Abdallah al Borsan" was "martyred in its entirety" A one year old child named as Borsan Naser Al Ahmad Al Borsan (pictured) was among the dead. RBSS added that "several members of Shawakha al Satam's family" were also killed "following coalition plane raids." Al Jurnia News Network subsequently identified those who perished in the Satam/Satim family is "the wife of Shawwakh al Satim and two of his daughters." From al Borsan's family, it identified among the dead "his wife and sons Abdallah and Borzan, and his daughters and the son of his daughter Borsan Anwar al Borsan." It also identified the "daughter of Mohammad Agha Anwar al Borsan." A number of outlets, including Step News Agency, Sada al Sham and Al Jisr TV reported that 11 civilians were killed in the attack, though this figure appeared to originate from ISIL-controlled Al A'amaq Agency, which also fingered the Coalition. Al Jisr TV reported that 2 women and 1 child were among the dead. Sada al Sham referred to "several" wounded. The Syrian Observatory cited "warplanes believed to be from the international alliance" and referenced "the death of several people from the same family." Other outlets, including Zaitoun Mag, noted the attack came just two days after a similar bombing in Al Ghazli, Raqqa governorate. LCCSY put the death toll at 12 and also blamed the Coalition. Civilians reported killed: 11-12, including 3-6 women and 3-7 children Civilians reported injured: 2 or more Sources: Raqqa is Being Silently Slaughtered [Arabic] [Archived], Raqqa is Being Silently Slaughtered (2) [Arabic] [Archived], Al A'amaq Agency (ISIL Controlled) [Arabic] [Archived], Al Jisr TV [Arabic] [Archive], Sada al Sham [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Arabic] [Archived], Ara News [Arabic] [Archived], Step News Agency [Arabic] [Archived], Local Coordination Committees in Syria [Arabic] [Archived], Zaitoun Mag [Arabic] [Archived], Shaam News Network [Arabic] [Archived], Syria News Desk [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Network for Human Rights [Archived], Syrian Network for Human Rights (2) [Archived], Al Jurnia News Network [Arabic] [Archived], Quality of Reporting: FAIR – multiple reports cite the Coalition Coalition position: For October 15th-16th the Coalition reported that "Near Ar Raqqah, four strikes engaged three ISIL supply routes and destroyed a vehicle."</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 a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO b) a general location, YES, (Al Jurnia Town, Raqqa governorate, SY) AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? YES, 15-16 OCT 2016 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 a) General Day, NO, but a date range can be assessed 15-16 October 2016 AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? NO 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. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.e.</p> <p>4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and reassess. 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? YES 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> <p>Searched for strikes using MAT, CAOC, CJTF trackers. No Results in the village or even a 8km radius.</p>
Non-US Coalition Involvement	None

Decision	Close at IA; insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.
Report Approved By:	<div data-bbox="331 373 675 415" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)</div>

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