

## CIVCAS Tracker

CLASSIFICATION: ~~SECRET~~

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## Allegation

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

RELEASABILITY: ~~FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY~~

ALLEGATION NUMBER: 652

ALLEGATION STATUS: Closed

INCIDENT DATE: 21-Apr-2016 00:00

COUNTRY: SYRIA

OPENED DATE: 26-May-2017 00:00

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Abu Kamal - Deir ez-Zor (90AL)

MGRS: Not Reported

NEAREST MAJOR CITY: Albu Kamal

COORDS UNKNOWN: No

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RELEASABILITY: NONE

ALLEGATION DATE: 26-May-2017 00:00

SOURCE: Airwars

SOURCE TYPE: Social Media

April 21st-22nd 2016: Al Bukamal, Deir Ezzor governorate, Syria  
Khamis Al Sayed Matar pictured in white cap (via SN4HR)

Summary: At least four and up to ten members of one family were reported killed in alleged Coalition night time strikes on Al Bukamal. According to the Deir Ezzor Observatory there were three Coalition strikes on the city, all after midnight. And News of the Revolution reported that "International coalition planes last night carried out four raids targeting the cement factory, the Krash factory, al Sina'a [industrial area], al Hizam Al Akhdar [the green belt], and there is news of the martyrdom of an entire family."

### DESCRIPTION:

Free Deir Ezzor Broadcast named the victims, but said the attack was by Russia: "Khamees Said al Matar and nine members of his family were killed after warplanes targeted their house last night. The house was totally destroyed." However the Coalition has confirmed carrying out strikes in the vicinity. The Syrian Network placed the

Coalition death toll at four civilians, which it said included a woman. The Syrian Network put the death toll at four, also naming Khamis Al Sayed Matar as well as Saeed Khamis Al Matar.

Responding to a request for clarification about possible involvement given declared UK strikes near Abu Kamal that day, the MoD told Airwars: "We cannot make any definitive assessment of possible UK presence from the evidence you have provided, but I can confirm that there was no indication of any civilian casualties in our own detailed assessments of the impact of each of our strikes over the period concerned."

Civilians reported killed: 4-10, including 1 or more women

Reported injured: Unknown

Sources: Step News Agency [Arabic], Deir Ezzor Observatory [Arabic], News of the Revolution [Arabic], Free Deir Ezzor Broadcast (1) [Arabic], Free Deir Ezzor Broadcast (2) [Arabic], Local Civil Defence Committees of Syria, Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Arabic], Syrian Network for Human Rights, Syrian Network for Human Rights (2) [Arabic] [English],

Quality of reporting: Fair - though with one source claiming Russian involvement

Coalition position: The Coalition reports for April 21st-22nd 2016 that "Near Abu Kamal, two strikes struck an ISIL bed down location and an ISIL vehicle borne improvised explosive device (VBIED) facility."

## Initial Assessment

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INITIAL DATE: Not Reported

INITIAL ASSESSMENT: Not Reported

## Assessment Details

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ASSESSMENT UNIT: CFACC

ASSESSMENT TASK  
DATE: Not Reported

NON-US COALITION NATION: Not Reported

ASSESSMENT RESPONSE: Analysis: Both targets were assessed as (b)(1)1.4a No transients or collateral damage were evident. (b)(1)1.4a (b)(1)1.4a landed 30 ft short of the VBIED facility, but no collateral damage from the weapon was evident with the nearest collateral concern 106 ft from weapon impact.

ASSESSMENT CIVCAS: No

FURTHER ACTIONS DIRECTED: Not Reported

LESSON LEARNED/ROOT CAUSE: Not Reported

ASSESSMENT KILLED: 0

ASSESSMENT INJURED: 0

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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 10:30

NA: No

REASON FOR NO  
RELEASE: Not Reported

Approved for Release