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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE - OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE CAMP ARIFJAN, KUWAIT APO AE 09306

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 483

- (U) BLUF. Based on the below findings, this allegation is NOT CREDIBLE.
 There is insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation as there no strike potentially corroborate the allegation. CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and make available for immediate public release.
- 2. (U) Background. I considered the following information in making my findings:
- a. (U) On 22 May 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported that a pro-Syrian opposition Twitter user and self-proclaimed journalist (@jornalist11) was first to circulate news that CF airstrikes killed 15 people and injured several others in the village of Kadiran, west of Raqqa. Pro-ISIS social media users disseminated an ISIS A'maq video that is said to portray the "victims of US airstrikes on the village of Kadiran in the Raqqa countryside yesterday." The video shows rubble and smoke from airstrikes followed by burned bodies scattered around, including young children next to burned motorcycles, a dead man with his abdomen's insides exposed, and an injured child on a gurney. In an interview with a bearded man in his twenties, he claims that the "Crusader Coalition" targeted a gas station, a fish and vegetable market, and a motorcycle repair shop. The video ends with a middle-aged man receiving medical attention and footage of a dead child on a gurney. Most pro-Syrian opposition users condemned the airstrikes, some prayed for the safety of Raqqa residents and others were simply saddened by the news. This topic trended and resonated at a medium level in the Arabic IE.
- b. (U) On 21 June 2017, CJFT-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted an initial assessment and determined to close this allegation at the Initial Assessment stage.
- 3. (U) CJTF Initial Assessment
 - a. (S//REL USA, FVEY) Airwars.org did not contain a corroborating allegation.
- b. (S//REL USA, FVEY) The allegation included an ISIS A'maq video that showed evidence of CIVCAS which was disseminated by pro-ISIS social media users. The allegation identified Kadiran village as the location where the strike occurred.

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- c. (S//REL USA, EVEY) There were no deliberate strikes by the Coalition from 20-22 May 2017. The CAOC dynamic strike log showed 6 separate strikes but none could be corroborated with clips in the video footage. The MIDB (modernized integrated database) was checked for any facilities that matched the description in the alleged report and no facilities corroborated. TLV (time-lapse viewer) was used to pull recent imagery of the areas struck after the alleged incident to both verify the struck location and make efforts to identify any key terrain or features from the video clips the source provided. The CJTF strike log indicates several dynamic strikes in the village none of which however could be corroborated with the description and the video footage.
- f. (S//REL USA, FVEY) Since there were no deliberate strikes by the Coalition from 20-22 May 2017 IVO Kadiran (Kudayran), and since the locations in the dynamic strike logs do not corroborate with the allegation, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and make available for immediate public release.
- 4. (U) Action.
- (U) I direct closure of this CIVCAS incident and that CJTF-OIR PAO publish the result of this CIVCAS assessment in a press release as soon as practicable.

5. (U) Point of contact is

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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1. Initial Assessment

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