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

**IRCS** 

23 April 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 410

- (S//REL TO USA, FVEY) BLUF. Based on the below findings, this allegation is NOT CREDIBLE. CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell shall close this allegation and make this allegation available for public release.
- 2. (U) Background. I considered the following information in making my findings:
- a. (U) On 5 April 2017, WebOps reported, around 1840Z on 03 April, social media news aggregator, (@iraqi\_spring), posted news that eight CF airstrikes killed 20 civilians and injured six others, "most of whom were children, according to journalistic sources," in Talla'far. Later, pro-ISIS as well as pro-Sunni social media users started to circulate a video from ISIS media outlet, A'maq News Agency, which featured the aftermath of the airstrikes. The video showed the damage in an urban area as well as corpses of at least six adults and children. The video subsequently featured injured elderlies receiving medical attention on hospital beds. This topic is trending and resonating at a low level in the Arabic IE.
  - b. (U) On 5 April 2017, CJFT-OIR CIVCAS Cell opened the allegation.
- c. (S//REL TO USA, FVEY) On 17 April 2017, CJTF-OIR conducted an initial assessment and concluded that the allegation is NOT CREDIBLE.
- 3. (U) CJTF CIVCAS Cell's Findings

a. (S//REL TO USA, FVEY) Tal	Afar is located at	(b)(1)1.4a	There are no strikes
IVO of Tal Afar on 1-3 April 2017.	Therefore, no strikes	s corroborate this	allegation.

4. (U) Action.

(U) I direct closure of this CIVCAS incident and that CJTF-OIR PAO publish this finding 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

2. FIR

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