



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

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3 AUG 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 1225

- (U) BLUF. Based on the below findings, this allegation is NOT CREDIBLE.
 Based on review of all reasonably available information, there is insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility.
 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 16 August 2017, WebOps Iraq-Syria reported: SM users reported the killing of 9 civilians in the city of Raqqa, by CFs airstrike and SDF shelling of Raqqa neighborhood.
- b. (U) According to Airwars.org, on 15 August 2017: Between six and ten people have been reported dead, including children, in an "aerial bombardment" on the city of Raqqa. At present nearly all of the sources collated allege that the US-led Coalition was responsible for the incident. Significant material destruction has been caused to the district of the Baladi Stadium and the School District of Muawiya in the city of Raqqa, local sources have said. The Syrian Network for Human Rights said that the bombardment by "International Coalition warplanes" had left "several people injured" and that because of this the death toll may increase.
- c. (S//REL) On 20 August 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell approved the Initial Assessment (IA) and determined the allegation should be closed at the IA.

3. (U) CJTF Initial Assessment

- a. (S//REL) The allegation did not include picture or video evidence of CIVCAS. Moreover, the allegation did not provide a specific location, e.g., MGRS, name of building.
- b. (S//REL) The CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell conducted a search for strikes occurring from 14-16 August 2017. Because the allegations do not provide an exact date of the alleged strikes, it is CIVCAS Cell policy to use a 72 hour search window from the date the allegation was reported.

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- c. (S//REL) Based on the number of strikes returned by the search and lack of detail in the allegations to narrow the search, it would be unreasonable to make assessment of credibility.
- d. (S#REL) Accordingly, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell recommended closing this allegation at the Initial Assessment due to insufficient information as to time, location, and details to make an assessment of credibility.
- 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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