

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	1890		
Incident Date	13 JUL 17	Opened Date	2/16/18
Source(s)	Airwars		
Source Type	Social Media	Location	Several Areas in Raqqa
Nearest Major City	Raqqa	MGRS	(b)(1)1.4a
Allegation Description	<p>Estimated Casualties – Killed: 2+, Injured: 2+</p> <p>Source #1: July 13th 2017: (S1048) Raqqa, Raqqa governorate, Syria Summary: Sharqiya Voice reported that “shelling targeted several neighborhoods of Raqqa in Tal Al Obcid Street, Saif Al Dawla Street, Al Dar’iya neighborhood, Al Khader Pharmacy, Basil Street, Al Quwatli Street and the edges of al Wadi street and al Fouroussiya” resulting in several civilian casualties and a number of others wounded, however further details were not available. The source did not make any allegations with regards to responsibility. Amnesty International later reported generally on the situation in the neighbourhood, citing ‘Mahmouda’, who escaped on July 21st: “They were fighting on both sides when we left. They [the SDF/coalition] had been shelling for two months. IS slaughtered people like birds. Many people were killed in the shelling. There were bodies all over the streets. The killing was from both sides but the worst was from IS. Families and families died. The planes couldn’t distinguish between IS and civilians as IS made us all wear the same clothes. If the religious police caught my 12 year old son they’d make him cut his trousers [between the knee and the ankle – Kandahari style] so they couldn’t distinguish.” Civilians reported killed: 2 or more Civilians reported injured: 2 or more Sources: Sharqiya Voice [Arabic] [Archived], Alraqqa Ahluna [Arabic], [Archived], Amnesty International Raqqa report (August 2017), Quality of reporting: Weak – effectively single source.</p> <p>Analyst Comment: The Airwars July Enhanced Geolocations provided the following additional information about this allegation:</p> <p>“Geolocation information Several neighbourhoods in Raqqa: - Tall al-Abyad street ((أبيض تل شارع) 39.0124941 ,35.9500618 - Saif al-Dawla street (. الدولة سيف شارع) 39.020585 35.94785 - Al-Dariya neighbourhood ((الدرعية حي) 38.991389 35.947222</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Al-Khader pharmacy ((الخضر صيدلية)) 39.0123814 ,35.9495212 [exact location of the pharmacy]- Basil street (: (باسل شارع) 39.0036428 ,35.946796 (possible location)- Al-Quwatli street (القوتلي شارع)- Outskirts of the Wali street ((الوادي شارع أطراف)) 39.013210 ,35.948313- Equastrian area ((الفروسية منطقة)) 38.9748359 ,35.9690456 <p>Temporal information No further details".</p>
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1. Is this allegation a self-report? **NO**

If yes, add details of potentially corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.

2. Does the allegation actually allege CIVCAS? **YES**

If yes, go to 3.a. If no, close the allegation.

3.a. Does the allegation state a single incident and/or location? **NO**

If yes, move to 4. If no, move to 3.b.

3.b. Does the allegation contain specific information pairing each CIVCAS allegation with an independent location? **NO**

If yes, separate the each of the combined allegations into separate allegations and restart an IA for each.

If no, send a RFI in an attempt to break out the locations and casualties into separate allegations, restart the IA.

If unable to RFI the allexer, go to 7.

Analyst Comment: Recommend that an RFI be sent to Airwars asking them, if possible, to break this allegation down into separate events. The allegation as currently structured covers several areas within the Raqqa City area and may also encompass multiple days. Allegations that are smaller in scope would be much easier to process, broken down by date, neighbourhood, major thoroughfares and prominent landmarks/buildings.

In the event nothing further is received, recommend that this allegation be closed.

~~4. Does the allegation contain:~~

~~a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range?~~

~~b) a specific location?~~

~~— If yes to BOTH, go to 7. If EITHER are no, then go to 5.~~

~~5. Does the allegation contain:~~

~~a) a way to identify a 48 hour date range?~~

~~b) a specific time of day or timeframe?~~

~~e) a general location?~~

~~— If yes to ALL three, then go to 7. If ANY are no, go to 6.~~

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6. Does the allegation contain:

- a) Video or photo evidence of CIVCAS that can be used to narrow the date/time or location of the allegation?
— If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.b.
- b) Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation?
— If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.c.
- c) Any high quality sources?
— If yes, go to 7. If no, go to 6.d.
- d) Specific facts that warrant a search for strikes?
— If yes, go to 7. If no, close the allegation.

7.a. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to conduct a search for strikes?

— If yes, go to 8. If no, go to 7.b.

7.b. Explain in detail why there is insufficient information on the time, location, and details to conduct a search for strikes.

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MAT:

CAOC log:

CJTF log:

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CJFLCC log, -email (Start 18 MAY 2017):

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IE(1) log, -email (Start 22 JUL 2017):

8. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes?

— If yes, answer the questions below and task CCAR.

— If no, provide a detailed explanation and close the allegation.

1. Assessed date of incident:

2. Location:

3. Potentially Corroborating Strike Information:

MGRS:

Strike Number:

DTG:

Target:

Dynamic/Deliberate:

Aircraft:

Call Sign:

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Nationality:

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Target Number:

TFA:

BE #:

Non-US Coalition Involvement:

Decision: Although the allegation needs further information, Airwars has currently suspended their RFI responses to CJTF. Close at the IA due to insufficient information as to time, locations, and details to conduct an assessment of credibility.

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