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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. 416

- (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 11 April 2017, WebOps reported Pro-Syrian opposition social media users and local media outlets on Twitter circulated news that CF airstrikes in Tashrin village, north of Raqqa resulted in the killing of ten people and the injuring of several others. Meanwhile, a pro-Syrian opposition leftist media outlet, Revolutionary Left Movement in Syria (@frontline_left), tweeted a report that CF airstrikes killed two families. The report added that CF targeted an area where refugees who were actually fleeing from CF airstrikes had collected. Most pro-Syrian opposition users condemned the attack while others asked God to seek revenge on those responsible for the killing. This topic trended at a medium level and resonated at a low level in the Arabic IE.
 - b. (U) On 21 April 2017, CJFT-OIR CIVCAS Cell opened the allegation.
- c. (S//REL TO USA, FVEY) On 21 April 2017, CJTF-OIR conducted an initial assessment an concluded that the allegation is NOT CREDIBLE.

3. (U) CJTF CIVCAS Cell's Findings

- a. (S//REL_TO_USA, FVEY) The only potentially corroborating strikes were 1 to 2 Km away from the village—too far to conclude, more likely than not, that these strikes caused civilian casualties alleged.
- (1) (S//REL TO USA, FVEY) Strike (b)(1)1.42 was on 10 April 2017. It was a deliberate strike on an ISIL admin BLDG. The strike was 2 Km SW of Tashrin village.
- (2) (S#REL TO USA, FVEY) Strike (b)(1)14 was on 9 April 2017. It was a deliberate strike on ISIS fighters and equipment. The strike was over 1 Km SW of Tashrin village.

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- 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) (b)(6)

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1. Initial Assessment

2. FIR

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