

CIVCAS CELL INITIAL ASSESSMENT

Allegation #	769		
Source(s)	AIRWARS	Date Received	22 JUN 2017
Casualty Estimate	8 killed		
Incident Date	6 DEC 2016		
Location	Al Baza'a, North East Al Bab, Syria (IVO MGRS: (b)(1)1.4a		
Allegation	<p>December 6th 2016: المزارعة بلدة al Baza'a, eastern Aleppo governorate, Syria</p> <p>Synopsis: Multiple sources blamed the Coalition for the deaths of a woman and her children at al Baza'a north east of al Bab. However the Coalition later assessed the claims as 'Not credible.' According to Step News "Coalition planes launch several raids on al Baza'a last night killing eight people including women and children." The Syrian Observatory did not identify the perpetrators however, noting that "a woman with seven of her children was killed by massacre by warplanes targeted Bazaa village northeast of al-Bab city."</p> <p>Syria News Desk reported the following: "A civilian source from al Bab, on condition of anonymity, told Syria news desk, that the planes targeted the old police station and nearby homes on the southern outskirts of town, confirming the presence of several dangerous situations among the injured, who were transferred to hospitals in al bab, making it likely that number of deaths will rise during coming hours due to poor medical facilities in the region. The source added that the raids resulted in the destruction of the police station building and two houses completely and burning a house and three civilian cars, in addition to considerable material damage to a number of shops and their contents."</p> <p>Euphrates Post – which also blamed the Coalition – named the dead as: Mrs. Leila, the wife of Abboud Abbas Mohammed Aboud Al Abbas Ibrahim Abboud Al Abbas Hassan Abboud Al Abbas Fatima Abboud Al Abbas Walaa Abboud Al Abbas Hilal Aboud Al-Abbas Unknown victim</p> <p>In an emailed response to a report submitted by Airwars on this and other incidents in December 2016, Coalition officials said the event was presently assessed as 'Not credible.'</p> <p>Civilians reported killed: 8, including 3-7 children and 1 woman Civilians reported injured: 22</p> <p>Sources: Step News [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Observatory for Human Rights [Archived], Euphrates Post [Arabic] [Archived], Halab News Network [Arabic] [Archived], Syria News Desk [Arabic] [Archived], Syrian Network for Human Rights [Archived],</p> <p>Quality of reporting: Discounted Coalition. Possibly Turkish or Russian. ASSESSED INCIDENT</p> <p>Coalition position: For December 5th-6th 2016, the Coalition reported that "Near Manbij, one strike engaged an ISIL tactical unit."</p> <p>For December 6th-7th it noted: "Near Manbij, one strike destroyed an ISIL decoy artillery system."</p>		

	Quality of Reporting: Fair
Analysis	<p>1. Is this allegation a self-report? NO If yes, add details of corroborating strike below and task a CCAR. If no, move to 2.</p> <p>2. Does the allegation include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) video/photo evidence of CIVCAS NO b) a general location, e.g., Tabaqah, Manbij, Tel Afar; if in Mosul, or similarly sized city, must provide neighborhoods, e.g., Zanjili. Al Baza'a AND c) a way to identify the date or a 48 hour date range? 6 DEC 2016 <p>If yes to all three, move to 6. If any are no, then move to number 3.</p> <p>3. Does the allegation contain a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) General Day, YES AND b) Specific location, e.g., MGRS or specific building? No: allegation mentions a police stations and a house – no coordinates <p>If yes to the two, then move to 6. If any are no, then move to number 4.</p> <p>4.a. Is the allegation from a single source NO (even if there are multiple sources, look at whether the sources lack independence, i.e., all derived from one source)? If yes, move to 4.b. If no, move to 5.</p> <p>4.b. Is the single source a high quality source OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR. If yes, move to 6. If no, then move to 4.c.</p> <p>4.c. Has media interviewed witnesses and/or victims? If yes, then contact journalist and re-assess. If no, then close the allegation.</p> <p>5.a. Are any of the sources high quality? YES If yes, move to 6. If no, move to 5.b.</p> <p>5.b. Are there at least two corroborating sources (total of 3) that independently reported the allegation, OR does it provide specific facts that may warrant a CCAR? If yes, move to 6. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>6. Does the allegation contain sufficient information on the time, location and details to make an assessment of credibility? YES</p> <p>I.e., does it provide enough information to determine the date within 48 hour; does it provide enough information to determine a neighborhood, landmark, or other way to where the alleged incident occurred within a .5km radius? NO If yes, move to 7. If no, close the allegation.</p> <p>7. Are there any potentially corroborating strikes? If yes, answer the below questions and task CCAR. If no, close allegation.</p> <p>No Coalition strikes IVO Al Baaza between 4-6 December. This town is in Aleppo, would be unlikely for Coalition to be engaged there in December 2016.</p>

Non-US Coalition Involvement	
Decision	Close Allegation; insufficient evidence to corroborate the allegation.
Report Approved By:	(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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