

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

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22 October 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: CIVCAS Allegation Closure Report, Allegation No. 510

- (U) BLUF. Based on the below findings, this allegation is CREDIBLE. A thorough review of all available strike records indicates that it is more likely than not that four civilians were killed as a result of a Coalition strike. 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. (S//REL) On 4 June 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell received a Self-Report from TF (b)(1)1 4 indicating potential civilian casualties as a result of a strike. On 4 June 2017, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) observed an ISIS-movement signature consistent with previous attacks in an area between two SDF thrusts towards Raqqah. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) felt a sense of urgency because five motos with male slants were driving in formation and moving quickly towards SDF lines, matching previous ISIS signatures. (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) set up for a (b)(1)1.4a shot with (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) made the decision to protect SDF and employ (b)(1)1.4a
- b. (S//REL) Following receipt of the self-report, CJFT-OIR CIVCAS Cell directed TF 94-7 to conduct a CIVCAS Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR).
- c. (S#REL) On 13 October 2017, CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell received the approved assessment from (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6), finding the allegation to be CREDIBLE. TF 94-7 recommends no further action be taken.
- 3. (U) CIVCAS Credibility Assessment
- a. (S#REL) Immediately following the strike, (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) was informed that SDF had friendlies in close proximity to the strike site. Differing initial reports came in from the
- b. (S//REL) Based on a review all reasonably available evidence, the allegation is deemed CREDIBLE. TF 94-7 determined, more likely than not, that the four civilians reported as wounded by the SDF were KIA.

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- 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) CJTF-OIR CIVCAS Cell, at(DSN USC 130b; (b)(6) (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

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1. FIR Email

2. CCAR

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