

Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve Monthly Civilian Casualty Report

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SOUTHWEST ASIA – Since the beginning of operations in 2014, the Coalition and partner forces have liberated nearly 110,000 square kilometers (42,471 square miles) from Daesh, eliminating their self-proclaimed territorial caliphate and freeing 7.7 million people from Daesh oppression. The Coalition will continue to work with partner forces to deny Daesh any physical space and influence in the region as well as deny Daesh the resources they need to resurge.

The Coalition conducted 34,725 strikes between August 2014 and the end of November 2019. During this period, based on information available, CJTF-OIR assesses at least 1,359 civilians have been unintentionally killed by Coalition actions since the beginning of Operation Inherent Resolve.

We follow a rigid targeting process for all of our strikes to ensure strict adherence to the Law of Armed Conflict while attempting to avoid collateral damage. Every accidental loss of life is tragic, and it will remain our goal to take all feasible precautions to avoid putting civilians in danger in our pursuit of a ruthless enemy.

In the month of November, CJTF-OIR carried over 87 open reports from previous months and received 47 new reports. CJTF-OIR completed 52 civilian-casualty allegation assessment reports. Out of the 52 completed casualty allegation reports, four reports were determined to be credible and resulted in 12 unintentional civilian deaths. CJTF-OIR assessed the remaining 48 reports as non-credible. 82 reports are still open, including three that CJTF-OIR had previously closed but reopened due to the availability of new information.

The results of each investigation of an allegation will fall into one of two categories, either "credible" or "non-credible." An assessment of "credible" means that our team

investigated the allegation and determined that, based on available evidence, more likely than not, the death was the result of Coalition action. A "non-credible" evaluation means that the information we have to assess the allegation, using our available resources, cannot determine, to the standard of "more likely than not", that the death was the result of Coalition action. There could be a number of reasons for this, to include no corroborating strikes at that time or that location, there was insufficient evidence to support the allegation, or there is simply insufficient or overly vague data in the allegation itself.

It is important to note that while the Coalition has a substantial quantity of data at its disposal to investigate every claim, we welcome any information from any source that will enable us to determine the truth. Furthermore, we routinely reopen closed investigations based on new information that might help us attain more accurate results.

Credible Reports: in the four incidents assessed as credible in November, the investigations assessed that CJTF-OIR took all feasible precautions, and the decision to strike complied with the law of armed conflict. Coalition forces work diligently to be precise during the planning and execution of strikes to reduce the risk of harm to civilians. Numeric Key: [CJTF-OIR Allegation Number] / [Non-Governmental Organization Allegation Number] [Grid Coordinate]. The Military Grid Reference System coordinates specified in these reports are derived from the general location of the strike area.

- 1. January 3, 2017, in Sarmada, Syria, via media report. US aircraft conducted an airstrike against an Al Qaida facility. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally killed as a result of the strike. 306/CS425 37SBA952069
- 2. August 11, 2017, in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against a Daesh vehicle. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally killed and one civilian was unintentionally wounded as a result of the strike. 2074/S1190 37SEV009787
- 3. January 3, 2019, in Al-Khuskieh, Syria, via Human Rights Watch Report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against Daesh fighters. Regrettably, nine civilians were unintentionally killed and two civilians were unintentionally wounded as a result of the strike. 2774 37SFU550524
- 4. March 2, 2019, in Baghouz Faqwani, Syria, via self-report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against Daesh fighters. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally killed as a result of the strike. 2671 37SFU790137

Non-Credible Reports: after a thorough review of the facts and circumstances of each

civilian casualty report, CJTF-OIR assessed the following 48 reports as non-credible. At this time there is insufficient information to assess that, more likely than not, a Coalition action resulted in civilian casualties. Numeric Key: [CJTF-OIR Allegation Number] / [Non-Governmental Organization Allegation Number] [Grid Coordinate]. The Military Grid Reference System coordinates specified in these reports are derived from the original allegation source.

- 1. September 6, 2015, in Deir Ez Zor, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2827/CS122 37SFV045106
- September 11, 2015, in Al Toub, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2829/CS124 37SFU250932
- 3. September 16, 2015, in Jadid Akidat, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2831/CS126 37SFV237016
- 4. September 19, 2015, in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. The allegation provided insufficient detail to identify a specific date, time, or location to search for corroborating Coalition action. 2832/CS127 37SEV008785
- 5. September 20, 2015, in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2846/CS128 37SEV008785
- 6. September 21, 2015, in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2847/CS129 37SEV008785
- 7. September 27, 2015, in Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2836/CI115 38SLF294240
- 8. September 27, 2015, in Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the

geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2837/CI115 38SLF294240

- 9. September 28, 2015, in Ma'adan, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2849/CS131 37SEV557566
- 10. September 29, 2015, in Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2838/CI116 38SLF294240
- 11. October 4, 2015, in Al Huwaij, Syria, via Airwars report. The allegation provided insufficient detail to identify a specific date, time, or location to search for corroborating Coalition action. 2850/CS132 No MGRS Given
- 12. October 6, 2015, in Anadan, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2851/CS133 37SCA244183
- 13. October 6, 2015, in Palmyra, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2861/CS134 37SDU346251
- 14. October 7, 2015, in Shura, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2840/Cl119 38SLE398085
- 15. October 8, 2015, in Fallujah, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2841/Cl120 38SLB872911
- 16. October 8, 2015, in Abdulaziz Mountain, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2864/CS135 37SFA173300
- 17. October 10, 2015, in Harbel, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2868/CS136 37SCA356002

- 18. October 18, 2015, in Jadidah, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2842/CI124 37SGU746075
- 19. October 18, 2015, in Kisik Junction, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2843/CI126 38SKF926377
- 20. October 18, 2015, in Alqosjat, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2844/CI127 38SLF300341
- 21. October 19, 2015, in Tel Kepe, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2845/CI129 38SLF316400
- 22. October 31, 2015, in Mahalabiya, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2853/CI131 38SKF941159
- 23. November 4, 2015, in Hamam al Alil, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2854/CI133 38SLF432028
- 24. November 5, 2015, in Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2855/CI135 38SLF294240
- 25. November 8, 2015, in Qayyarah, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2856/CI136 38SLE458629
- 26. November 10, 2015, in Rifai, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2857/Cl137 38SLF290251

- 27. November 10, 2015, in Bootha, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2879/CS143 37SFA899108
- 28. November 11, 2015, in Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2858/CI138 38SLF294240
- 29. November 17, 2015, in Hamam al Alil, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2859/CI142 38SLF432028
- 30. November 18, 2015, in Al Bukamal, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2880/CS147 37SFU763144
- 31. November 20, 2015, in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2881/CS148 37SEV007784
- 32. November 26, 2015, in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2882/CS151 37SEV007784
- 33. November 26, 2015, in Khafsa, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2883/CS152 37SDA116103
- 34. December 1, 2015, in Qayyarah, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2863/CI148 38SLE458629
- 35. December 2, 2015, in Rawa, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2865/CI149 37SGU678186

- 36. December 6, 2015, in Deir Ez Zor, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2884/CS153 37SFV045106
- 37. December 7, 2015, in Baduish, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2866/CI151 38SLF175330
- 38. December 7, 2015, in Aski, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2867/CI151 38SKF975432
- 39. December 7, 2015, in Fallujah, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2869/CI152 38SLB872911
- 40. December 13, 2015, in Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2870/CI157 38SLF294240
- 41. December 13, 2015, in Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2871/CI158 38SLF294240
- 42. December 16, 2015, in Isawi, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2885/CS157 37SEA050604
- 43. December 21, 2015, in Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2872/CI161 38SLF282263
- 44. December 21, 2015, in Wahida, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2873/CI162 38SLF373220

- 45. December 27, 2015, in Akhtarin, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2886/CS160 37SCA510420
- 46. December 29, 2015, in A'zaz, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2878/CS161 37SCA253507
- 47. September 20, 2019, in Dhiban Town, Syria, via Airwars report. The allegation provided insufficient detail to identify a specific date, time, or location to search for corroborating Coalition action. 2780/CS1933 37SFU294817
- 48. October 2, 2019, in Al Tayyana, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 2852/CS1934 37SFU410725

Open Reports: CJTF-OIR is still assessing 82 reports of civilian casualties.

- 1. Nov. 7, 2014, near Al-Tanak Oilfield, Syria, via Syrian Human Rights Network report.
- 2. Dec. 28, 2014, near Jarabulus, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 3. Jan. 11, 2015, near Deir Ez Zor, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 4. Jun 18, 2015, near Khanez Village, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 5. Jul 15, 2015, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 6. Aug. 24, 2015, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 7. Aug. 29, 2015, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 8. Sep. 1, 2015, near Makhul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 9. Sep. 3, 2015, near Ramadi, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 10. Sep. 5, 2015, near Anah al Jadidah, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 11. Sep. 5, 2015, near Anah al Jadidah, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 12. Sep. 9, 2015, near Al-Thawrah, Syria, via Airwars report.

- 13. Sep. 13, 2015, near Ma'adan, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 14. Sep. 20, 2015, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 15. Sep. 27, 2015, near Hit, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 16. Sep. 27, 2015, near Duquq, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 17. Sep. 27, 2015, near Jala'a, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 18. Oct. 2, 2015, near Hawijah, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 19. Oct. 22, 2015, near Baloum, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 20. Nov. 7, 2015, near Qayyarah, Iraq, via media report.
- 21. Nov. 20, 2015, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 22. Nov. 24, 2015, near Jarbua, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 23. Dec. 30, 2015, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 24. Dec. 30, 2015, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 25. Dec. 30, 2015, near Hit, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 26. June 1, 2016, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 27. Jan. 6, 2017, near Al-Ziraei, Iraq, via media report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information)
- 28. Jan. 9, 2017, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information)
- 29. Jan. 11, 2017, near Saraqib, Idlib, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 30. Mar. 27, 2017, near Sarmada, Idlib, via Airwars report.
- 31. Apr. 28, 2017, near al-Tabaqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 32. June 6, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 33. June 9, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 34. June 9, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 35. June 9, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.

- 36. June 13, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 37. June 17, 2017, near Hawijah al-Swafi, Raqqah, Syria via Airwars report.
- 38. June 21, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 39. July 2, 2017, near Al Soor, Syria via Airwars report.
- 40. July 4, 2017, near Tal al-Jayer, Syria, via Human Rights Watch.
- 41. July 7, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 42. July 13, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria via Airwars report.
- 43. July 23, 2017, near Nazlet Shahata, Syria via Airwars report.
- 44. Aug. 1, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 45. Aug. 1, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 46. Aug. 10, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 47. Aug. 14, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 48. Aug. 15, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 49. Aug. 16, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 50. Aug. 16, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 51. Aug. 19, 2017, near Al-Helo, Syria, via Human Rights Watch.
- 52. Aug. 22, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 53. Sept. 4, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria via Airwars report.
- 54. Sept. 5, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 55. Sept. 10, 2017, near Raggah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 56. Sept. 18, 2017, near al Mrashdah village, Albu Kamal, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 57. Sept. 23, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 58. Sept. 25, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 59. Sept. 27, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.

- 60. Oct. 3, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 61. Oct. 3, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 62. Oct. 8, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 63. Oct. 10, 2017, near Deir Ez Zor, Syria via self-report.
- 64. Oct. 13, 2017, near Husaybah, al Qaiem, Iraq via Airwars report.
- 65. Nov. 26, 2017, near Daranj, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 66. Nov. 28, 2017, near El Qata, Syria, via self-report.
- 67. Dec. 5, 2017, near al-Jarthi, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 68. Dec. 22, 2017, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 69. Feb. 6, 2018, near al-Shafaa, Syria, via self-report.
- 70. May 27, 2018, near al-Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 71. June 4, 2018, near Al-Helo, Syria, via Human Rights Watch.
- 72. Nov. 17, 2018, near Abu al-Hasan, Syria, via Syrian Observatory for Human Rights report.
- 73. Dec. 10, 2018, near al-Kashmah, Syria, via social media report.
- 74. Jan. 3, 2019, near Al-Shafah, Syria, via social media report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information).
- 75. Jan. 10, 2019, near al-Shajlah, Syria, via self-report.
- 76. Feb. 10, 2019, near Omer Oil fields, Syria, via media report and Airwars report.
- 77. Feb. 11, 2019, near al-Baghouz, Syria, via social media report and Airwars report.
- 78. Feb. 12, 2019, near al-Baghouz, Syria, via social media report.
- 79. Mar. 13, 2019, near al-Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 80. Mar. 18, 2019, near al-Baghouz Fawqani, Syria, via self-report.
- 81. Aug. 31, 2019, near Kafr Jasil, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 82. Nov. 22, 2019, near Diban, Syria, via Syrian Observatory for Human Rights report.