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Civilian Casualty (CIVCAS) Investigation Closure Report

Submitting Unit/Component: TF 94-7 Origin of Allegation: Self-report				Report Date: 3 November 2016	
Strike Details (Deliberate/Dynamic): Dynamic Date/Time of Strike: 16 May 2016, approximate (1)1				Objective: (b)(1)1.4a General Location: As Shaddadi, Syria	
This Repo	rt Documen	ts (Investigation/Strike Review Bo	ard): 15-6 Investigation	Completed On: 27 October 16	
		CIVCAS (were/were not) substantiat	ed (more li kely tha	an not standard):	
Civilian Ca	asualty Tota	(includes killed and injured): 2			
Identity of victim(s) (if known): Unknown					
Description/Narrative (5 Ws):					
On 16 May 2016 Task Fo(b)(1) cated a K/S IVO As Shaddadi, Syria against (b)(6) an ISIL leader directly involved in coordinating attacks against the					
Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF). Target was correlated with a high degree of certainty, based on both (b)(1)1.4c signature, and observed getting into a passenger					
van in the vicinity of his bed down location. (F(1)1 44a) ucted the strike on the van after following it for approximately 25 minutes. An initial strike was taken at (6(1)1)44ay 16.					
The strike was unsuccessful causing the van to pull off on the shoulder of the road and 9 passengers were observed departing the van. Seven (7) passengers, including the target returned to the vehicle and a second strike was taken at approximately (5) 121 22 ay 16. The second strike destroyed a transient motorcycle that was in close					
proximity to the van at time of impact and damaged the van. All passengers of the van were assessed with reasonable certainty to be ISIL members.					
Post strike analysis assessed that the rider of the motorcycle was killed and a passenger in the van, assessed to be a child, had been in ured. The motorcycle changed					
direction and accelerated in the direction of the strike, making it highly probably that, even with additional sensors, the outcome would not have changed.					
N/A	Siaim/Cond	olence Payment (if applicable):	0,		
Legal Rev Yes No	riew:	Attorne(b)(3) 10 USC 1305 (b)(6) Review Date: 3 November 2016		(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)	
х	My post-strike legal review concludes that the strike as executed complied with the Rules of Engagement (ROE) and the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC).				
Х	Sufficient evidence was presented to support the finding of CIVCAS and associated recommendations by a "more likely than not" standard.				
Comments	s:				
Report Ap	oproval:	Approving Official:Report Approval Date:		_	
	The resulting CIVCAS was within the noncombatant and civilian casualty cut-off value (NCV) approved by the Target Engagement Authority (TEA).				
	Lessons learned from this incident were provided to the CENTCOM J3/7, or will be sent within 7 calendar days.				
	This review addressed all questions of individual and unit performance, and command accountability to my satisfaction.				
Comments:					

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