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APO AE 09348

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13 March 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR Civilian Casualty Team, Combined Joint Task Force- Operation  
Inherent Resolve, APO, AE 09306

SUBJECT: Civilian Casualty Credibility Assessment Report (CCAR) for (b)(1)1.4a  
(b)(1)1.4a in-vicinity-of (IVO) (b)(1)1.4a, Ad Dawwasah  
(CJFLCC-OIR 29/17)

1. (~~SEC/REL USA, FVEY~~) **Conclusion:** This allegation is credible. A thorough review of all available evidence indicates that it is more likely than not that civilians were killed or seriously injured as a result of this strike.

2. (~~SEC/REL USA, FVEY~~) **Civilian Casualty Allegation:**

a. (~~SEC/REL USA, FVEY~~) Source: The Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command – Operation Inherent Resolve, Media Monitoring Cell identified a media story appearing on the Shafaq News website dated 3 Mar 17 alleging that '3 families, an average [sic] of 14 civilians were killed in US coalition airstrike that targeted a Daesh VBIED was parked [sic] near a civilian house in Nabi Sheeyth area in central Mosul'.

b. (~~SEC/REL USA, FVEY~~) Time and Location: Undated, but likely early March 2017 in or near the Nabi Sheeyth district of Mosul.

c. (~~SEC/REL USA, FVEY~~) Description: Analysis of CJFLCC-OIR strike records correlates the allegation with a Combined Joint Operations Center-Erbil (CJOC-E) directed strike that occurred against an assessed ISIS VBIED Factory on 1 Mar 2017 IVO (b)(1)1.4a, Ad Dawwasah. This district is proximate to Nabi Sheeyth.

3. (~~SEC/REL USA, FVEY~~) **Strike Narrative and Analysis:** The following is a chronological breakdown of the strike based on analysis of the relevant mlRC logs, FMV footage, and post-strike assessments.

a. (~~SEC/REL USA, FVEY~~) The CJOC-E TEA approved the strike on the assessed ISIS VBIED facility under attack on Declared Hostile Forces (DHF) ROE. The target was engaged on 1 Mar 17 at (b)(1)1.4a by (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) and TF (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) with (b)(1)1.4a

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b. (~~SEC/REL USA, FVEY~~) ISR asset (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) observed the entire strike for a period of nine minutes. There was no observed civilian activity in the vicinity of the target before the strike. The munitions impacted the target at (b)(1)1.4a, with no civilian activity observed post-strike before (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) moved to its next tasking. The battle damage assessment was that the VBIED Factory had been destroyed.

c. (~~SEC/REL USA, FVEY~~) Following the referral of the host nation media allegation, CJOC-E conducted additional analysis of the FMV footage of the strike captured by (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) the footage shows that the shockwave generated by the main strike on the targeted facility caused a secondary explosion of an assessed VBIED approximately 50m down the street which appears to destroy the building/house right next to it. The imagery does not show any civilians present before, during or after the explosions, however, the video only lasts 34 seconds.

5. (~~S//REL USA, FVEY~~) **Credibility Assessment:** Based on a thorough assessment of all reasonably available evidence, this civilian casualty allegation is deemed CREDIBLE. That is, it is more likely than not that 14 civilians that were either killed or seriously wounded as a consequence of the strike based upon the following:

a. (~~SEC/REL USA, FVEY~~) The video from (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(6) clearly indicates that the munitions detonated on the targeted facility at (b)(1)1.4a z;

b. (~~SEC/REL USA, FVEY~~) The shockwave of the initial detonation caused an unanticipated secondary detonation of an apparent VBIED, two seconds later, at (b)(1)1.4a down the street, next to a building/house that likely contained civilian families;

c. (~~SEC/REL USA, FVEY~~) The CJOC-E Imagery Analyst confirmed both the initial and unanticipated secondary detonation; and,

d. (~~SEC/REL USA, FVEY~~) The media source of the allegation is a credible non-ISIS aligned organization.



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6. (U) POC. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned at (b)(1)1.4a

(b)(1)1.4a, (b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

5. Encls

1. CJOC-E, (b)(1)1.4a, w/ CDE Graphic
2. CDE Graphic
3. mIRC Chat
4. CJOC-E Legal Review
5. FMV video (Available at SJA,  
CJFLCC-OIR).

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

OIC, CJOC-E Operation Law Team

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I have conducted a legal review of the information in this CCAR and the supporting evidence. Based upon all reasonably available information at this time, I find that:

(b)(5)

(b)(3) 10 USC 130b; (b)(6)

Staff Judge Advocate

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I have reviewed the information contained in this CCAR and the supporting evidence. Based upon all reasonably available information at this time, I find that:

\_\_\_\_ The evidence supports a finding of CREDIBLE. That is, it is more likely than not that the civilian casualty incident occurred. I direct an investigation be conducted by this command.

9 The evidence supports a finding of CREDIBLE. That is, it is more likely than not that the civilian casualty incident occurred. However, at this time I direct no investigation be conducted by this command, as no additional information could be discovered by further investigation.

\_\_\_\_ The evidence supports a finding of NOT CREDIBLE. Without additional evidence, I direct that no further action be taken by this command.



JOSEPH M. MARTIN  
Major General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

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