



# COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

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

**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 34,984 strikes between August 2014 and the end of May 2021. During this period, based on information available, CJTF-OIR assesses at least 1,417 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 May, CJTF-OIR carried over 110 open reports from previous months and received one new report. CJTF-OIR completed five civilian-casualty allegation assessment reports. Out of the five completed casualty allegation reports, one report was determined to be credible and resulted in seven unintentional civilian deaths. CJTF-OIR assessed the remaining four reports as non-credible. 106 reports are still open, including one 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.



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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 one incident assessed as credible in May, the investigations assessed that the 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. Aug. 7, 2016, near Al Tanak Oilfields, Syria, via Airwars report. United States aircraft conducted multiple strikes against a Daesh facility. Regrettably, seven civilian were unintentionally killed and two others unintentionally wounded as a result of the strike. 3025/CS289 37SFU677647

**Non-Credible Reports:** After a thorough review of the facts and circumstances of each civilian casualty report, CJTF-OIR assessed the following four 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. Oct. 27, 2018, near al Shaafa, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition action. 3211/CS1817 37SFU774280
2. Jan. 3, 2019, near al Shaafa, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition action. 2651/CS1880 37SFU775320
3. Mar. 18, 2019, near al Baghouz, 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. 2679/CS1912 37SFU794135
4. May 4, 2021, near Deir Ezzor, 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. 3296/CS1958 37SFV002107



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**Open Reports:** CJTF-OIR is still assessing 106 reports of civilian casualties.

1. Aug. 24, 2015, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
2. Aug. 29, 2015, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
3. Sept. 9, 2015, near al Thawrah, Syria, via Airwars report.
4. Sept. 27, 2015, near Jala'a, Syria, via Airwars report.
5. Nov. 24, 2015, near Jarbua, Iraq, via Airwars report.
6. Feb. 27, 2016, near Ayn al Arus, Syria, via Airwars report.
7. March 12, 2016, near Abu Qalqal, Syria, via Airwars report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information).
8. June 8, 2016, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
9. June 29, 2016, near Fallujah, Iraq, via Airwars report.
10. June 30, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report.
11. July 7, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report.
12. July 9, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report.
13. July 9, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report.
14. July 9, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report.
15. July 15, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report.
16. July 16, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report.
17. July 18, 2016, near Tokhar Kabir, Syria, via Airwars report.
18. July 18, 2016, near Haymar Labda, Syria, via Airwars report.
19. July 24, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report.



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20. Sep. 13, 2016, near Shadadi, Syria, via Airwars report.
21. Sep. 27, 2016, near al Arima, Syria, via Airwars report.
22. Nov. 2, 2016, near Maraat Misrin, Syria, via Airwars report.
23. Nov. 2, 2016, near Kafr Takharim, Syria, via Airwars report.
24. Nov. 18, 2016, near Batabo, Syria, via Airwars report.
25. Jan. 11, 2017, near Saraqib, Syria, via Airwars report.
26. Jan. 15, 2017, near Zeraei, Iraq, via Airwars report.
27. Feb. 21, 2017, near Azri, Iraq, via Airwars report.
28. Mar. 4, 2017, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
29. Mar. 17, 2017, near al Jadidah, Iraq, via Airwars report.
30. Mar. 27, 2017, near Sarmada, Syria, via Airwars report.
31. Apr. 10, 2017, near Yarmouk, Iraq, via Airwars report.
32. Apr. 28, 2017, near al Tabaqa, Syria, via Airwars report.
33. Jun. 7, 2017, near al Sadda road, Syria, via Airwars report.
34. Jun. 9, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
35. Jun. 9, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
36. Jun. 9, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
37. Jun. 9, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
38. Jun. 9, 2017, near Ar Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
39. Jun. 11, 2017, near Ar Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
40. Jun. 12, 2017, near Ar Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.



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41. Jun. 13, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
42. Jun. 21, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
43. Jul. 4, 2017, near Tal al-Jayer, Syria, via Human Rights Watch report.
44. Jul. 13, 2017, near al Basrawo, Syria, via Airwars report.
45. Jul. 18, 2017, near Ar Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
46. Aug. 1, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
47. Aug. 10, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
48. Aug. 14, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
49. Aug. 15, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
50. Aug. 16, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
51. Aug. 16, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
52. Aug. 19, 2017, near al-Helo, Syria, via Human Rights Watch.
53. Aug. 22, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
54. Sept. 5, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
55. Sept. 9, 2017, near Abu Kamal, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
56. Sept. 10, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International 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.



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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. 17, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, 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-Jarhi, 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. Aug. 6, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
73. Aug. 7, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
74. Sept. 12, 2018, near al Bagouz Fawqani, Syria, via Airwars report.
75. Sept. 13, 2018, near al Bagouz Fawqani, Syria, via Airwars report.
76. Oct. 3, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
77. Oct. 22, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
78. Oct. 30, 2018, near al Shaafa, Syria, via Airwars report.
79. Nov. 3, 2018, near al Shaafa, Syria, via Airwars report.
80. Nov. 10, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report.
81. Nov. 11, 2018, near al Shaafa, Syria, via Airwars report.
82. Nov. 15, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.



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83. Nov. 24, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report.
84. Nov. 25, 2018, near al Kashmah, Syria, via Airwars report.
85. Dec. 10, 2018, near al Kashmah, Syria, via social media report.
86. Dec. 20, 2018, near al Shaafa, Syria, via Airwars report.
87. Jan. 9, 2019, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
88. Jan. 10, 2019, near al Shajlah, Syria, via self-report.
89. Jan. 10, 2019, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
90. Jan. 25, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.
91. Jan. 29, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.
92. Feb. 7, 2019, near al Shahil, Syria, via Airwars report.
93. Feb. 11, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.
94. Feb. 11, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.
95. Feb. 12, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via social media report.
96. Mar. 10, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.
97. Mar. 10, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.
98. Mar. 13, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.
99. Mar. 18, 2019, near al Baghouz Fawqani, Syria, via self-report.
100. Apr. 13, 2019, near al Takihi, Syria, via Airwars report.
101. Jun. 30, 2019, near Aleppo, Syria, via Airwars report.
102. Aug. 31, 2019, near Kafr Jasil, Syria, via Airwars report.
103. May 17, 2020, near al Zir, Syria, via Airwars report.





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104. Oct. 15, 2020, near Said, Syria, via Airwars report.
105. Oct. 22, 2020, near Jakara, Syria, via Airwars report.
106. Dec. 30, 2020, near Idlib, Syria, via Airwars report

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