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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 34,956 strikes between August 2014 and the end of January 2021. The strike numbers released in December 2020 incorrectly said 34,966. The correct number for strikes conducted by CJTF-OIR at the end of December 2020 is 34,945. We regret the error.

During this period, based on information available, CJTF-OIR assesses at least 1,410 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 January, CJTF-OIR carried over 128 open reports from previous months and received one new report. CJTF-OIR assessed seven reports as non-credible. One hundred twenty-two reports are still open, including six 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.

Non-Credible Reports: After a thorough review of the facts and circumstances of each civilian casualty report, CJTF-OIR assessed the following seven 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. 22, 2015, near Baloum, 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.  2877/CS140   37SFU302775

2. Dec. 4, 2018, in al Soussa, 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.  3250/CS1864   37SFU797240

3. Jan. 1, 2019, in al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars. 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.  3270/CS1895   37SFU786153

4. Mar. 3, 2019, in al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars. The allegation provided insufficient detail to identify a specific date, time, or location to search for corroborating Coalition action.  3273/CS1902   37SFU794135

5. Mar. 11, 2019, in al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report. The allegation provided insufficient detail to identify a specific date, time, or location to search for corroborating Coalition action.  3276/CS1907   37SFU794135

6. Nov. 7, 2020, in Ghariba al-Sharqiya, 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.  3291/CS1953   37SFU603434

7. Jan. 9, 2021, in al Azbat, 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.  3293/CS1955   37SFV188095
Open Reports: CJTF-OIR is still assessing 122 reports of civilian casualties.

1. June 18, 2015, near Khanez Village, Syria, via Airwars report.


4. Sept. 9, 2015, near al Thawrah, Syria, via Airwars report.

5. Sept. 27, 2015, near Jala’a, Syria, via Airwars report.


8. March 12, 2016, near Abu Qalqal, Syria, via Airwars report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information).


64. Sept. 27, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
74. Feb. 6, 2018, near al Shafaa, Syria, via self-report.
75. May 27, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
77. Aug. 6, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
86. Nov. 10, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report.
89. Nov. 24, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report.
93. Jan. 3, 2019, near al Shafaa, Syria, via social media report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information).
103. Feb. 12, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via social media report.

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