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

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Since the beginning of operations in 2014, at the invitation of the Government of Iraq, the Coalition and partner forces have liberated nearly 110,000 square kilometers from Da'esh, eliminating their self-proclaimed territorial caliphate and freeing almost eight million people from the terrorist group's oppression.

In 2021, CJTF-OIR shifted to an Advise, Assist, and Enable mission to support our partner forces in developing their operational and strategic military capabilities. In addition, the Coalition works closely with local, regional, and international actors in Iraq and designated areas of Syria to help bring stability to conflict-affected areas and to work toward an enduring defeat of Da'esh.

The Coalition follows a specific process for all operations to ensure strict adherence to the Law of Armed Conflict, while minimizing collateral damage. Every loss of civilian life is tragic, and the Coalition continues to take all possible precautions to keep civilians out of harm's way as it pursues a ruthless enemy.

Since the last Civilian Casualty Report, which covered through March 2023, CJTF-OIR closed 11 cases, while 3 remain under active assessment as of the close of this reporting period, which covers through November 2023. As part of our commitment to increasing transparency and accountability, CJTF-OIR will continue to release periodic civilian casualty reports.

We welcome any information from any source that will enable us to accurately determine facts and bring closure regarding possible CIVCAS incidents. Further, we have reopened closed investigations based on new information that might help us attain more accurate results.

The results of each investigation of an allegation will fall into one of two categories: either "credible" or "non-credible." When making this "credible" or "not credible" determination, the standard used is "more likely than not." In other words, if after reviewing all available evidence it is more than 50% likely that Coalition or U.S. action caused a civilian death or injury, then the allegation is deemed "credible." Conversely, if after reviewing all available evidence it is less than 50% likely that a Coalition or U.S. action caused a civilian death or injury, then the allegation is deemed "not credible." There can be many reasons for a finding of "not credible," including: an absence of Coalition strikes or operations at the alleged time and location;

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evidence that an actor other than the Coalition was responsible for an alleged CIVCAS incident; or a lack of evidence to support the facts underlying a CIVCAS allegation.

Credible: None of the 11 cases closed during the reporting period were deemed “credible,” meaning that in these 11 cases, it was more likely than not that Coalition or U.S. action actions did not cause the death or injury of a civilian. In all cases that corresponded with an operation or strike, the evidence showed that the Coalition took feasible precautions, and the relevant strikes or operations complied with the existing Rules of Engagement and Law of Armed Conflict. Coalition forces continue to work diligently in the planning and execution of strikes and operations to reduce the risk of harm to civilians.

Cases closed during this reporting period are listed in the paragraphs below. At the end of each paragraph, a numeric key conveys the following identifying information for each allegation: [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 allegation.

Not Credible: After a thorough review of the facts and circumstances of each civilian casualty report, CJTF-OIR assessed the following 8 reports closed during the current reporting period (March 2023 through November 2023) as, “not credible.” Thus, in each case, there was insufficient information to assess that, more likely than not, a Coalition action resulted in a civilian casualty, as alleged. The following paragraphs include date of the alleged casualty event, the CJTF-OIR Allegation Number, and a Grid Coordinate, if available. The Military Grid Reference System coordinates specified in these reports are derived from the general location of the allegation.

1. April 28, 2017, near Al Tabqa, Syria, via Airwars Report. Based on post-strike analysis and extensive review, it was determined that civilian casualties did not occur because of a Coalition strike. 1427 / 37SDV5905065690. Closed on 08 November 2023.
2. August 18, 2022, near Hasakah, Syria, via Partner Force. After a thorough review of all CJTF-OIR strike and operation history, no strike or operation was identified +/-24 hours, in the vicinity of the alleged location. 3335 / 37S FA 3987349720. Closed on 20 May 2023.
3. February 22, 2023, near Deir Ezzor, Syria, via Airwars report. Based on a thorough review of all available information, it was determined that any potentially corroborating operation affected only legitimate military targets, with no civilian casualties. 3331 / CS1991 / 37S FV 2380601397. Closed on 19 April 2023.
4. June 02, 2023, near At Tanf Zone, Syria, via Russian Military. After a thorough review of



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all CJTF-OIR Air operations history, the allegation was found not credible because civilian casualties did not occur due to Coalition operations. 3336 / No MGRS provided – Airspace Allegation. Closed on 13 July 2023.

5. June 10, 2023, near Selham, Syria, via Shammar Tribe. Based on a thorough review of all available information, the allegation was found not credible because the actions were not attributable to U.S. or Coalition Forces. 3337 / CS1993 / 37SGV0048882717. Closed on 08 August 2023.
6. July 07, 2023, near Al-Bab, Syria, via White Helmets and Associated Press. Based on a thorough review of all available information, the allegation was found not credible because the actions were not attributable to U.S. or Coalition Forces. 3338 / CS1994 / 37SCA6977027235. Closed on 19 July 2023.
7. July 19, 2023, near Deir Ezzor, Syria, via Airwars report. Based on a thorough review of all available information, the allegation was found not credible because any potentially corroborating operation affected only legitimate military targets, with no civilian casualties attributable to U.S. or Coalition Forces. 3339 / CS1995 / 37SFV9349481454. Closed on 25 August 2023.
8. August 16, 2023, near Raqqah, Syria, via Self-Report. Based on a thorough review of all available information, the allegation was found not credible because the actions were not attributable to U.S. or Coalition Forces. 3340 / 37SEV0017079276. Closed on 01 September 2023.

Duplicate Reports: 0 allegations were determined to be duplicates of other reports that have previously been assessed.

Partner Forces: CJTF-OIR thoroughly reviews all allegations attributed to the Coalition. The following 3 allegations appear to correspond with operations that may have taken place around the dates and locations alleged. However, those three operations did not have CJTF-OIR Approval Authority, nor did CJTF-OIR provide kinetic support to the operations. Accordingly, in all three cases, CJTF-OIR notified the appropriate command of the allegations for any potential further action.

1. February 03, 2023, near Busayrah, Syria, via Partner Force. 3330 / 37SFU3030495445. Closed on 14 February 2023.
2. March 22, 2023, near Raqqah, Syria, via Syrian Network for Human Rights report. 3332 / No MGRS reference provided. Closed on 03 April 2023.



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3. April 20, 2023, near Al Hol, Syria, via Self-Report. 3333 / 37SFA9122129013. Closed on 02 May 2023.

Open Reports: The below 3 reports of civilian casualties are currently under assessment as of 30 November 2023.

1. May 03, 2023, near Qurqanya, Syria, via White Helmets report. 3334 / CS1992 / 37S BA 86128 01283
2. August 04, 2023, near Matab Al Burashid, Syria, via Airwars report. 3341 / CS1996 / 37SEV6054861697
3. September 04, 2023, near NLZ, Syria, via Open Source report. 3342 / 37SFU3809074760