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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 rigid 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 will continue to take all possible precautions to keep civilians out of harm's way as our partners pursue a ruthless enemy.

CJTF-OIR closed 30 cases since the last Civilian Casualty Report (August 2022), while 5 remained under active assessment as of the close of this reporting period (March 2023). This report also addresses 15 legacy allegations from October 2021 through June 2022 due to new information being brought to the Coalition's attention. 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 with respect to possible CIVCAS incidents. Furthermore, 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, then the allegation is deemed "credible." Conversely, if after reviewing all available evidence it is less

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than 50% likely that a Coalition or U.S. action caused a civilian death, 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; evidence that an actor other than the Coalition was responsible for the alleged CIVCAS incident; or a lack of evidence to support the facts underlying the allegation.

Credible: Of the 30 cases covered in this release, 4 cases were deemed “credible,” meaning that Coalition actions “more likely than not” caused the death or injury of a civilian. The Coalition took feasible precautions in all of these cases, 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.

Credible 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.

1. July 13, 2017, near Al Basrawo Mosque Neighborhood, Syria, via Airwars report. Regrettably, based on a thorough review of all available information, one civilian was unintentionally killed during a strike targeting ISIS fighters in an urban setting. 1891/S1049 37SDV9942179311
2. January 10, 2019, near Ash Shajilah, Syria, via Self-Report. While conducting a strike on an ISIS fighter, one civilian was killed, and two to three civilians were wounded when their vehicle made an unexpected maneuver into the engagement zone. 2656/NA 37SFU8069916900
3. June 28, 2021, near Al Qaem, on the Iraq-Syria, via Airwars report. Strikes on this date targeted an operational and weapons storage facility utilized by militias that engage in unmanned aerial vehicle attacks against U.S. and Coalition personnel and facilities. An assessment found that at least one civilian was killed or wounded given the nature of the target buildings and observable effects of the deployed munitions. 3298/CS1959 37SFU8093408400
4. January 22, 2023, near Shuhayl, Syria, via Self-Report. One civilian was wounded by shattered glass fragments when Coalition forces employed a non-lethal breaching device. Upon identifying injuries, Coalition forces provided medical care and transportation to the civilian. 3329/NA 37SFU3281285753



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Not Credible: After a thorough review of the facts and circumstances of each civilian casualty report, CJTF-OIR assessed the following 16 reports closed during the current reporting period as, “not credible.” Thus, there was insufficient information to assess that, more likely than not, a Coalition action resulted in civilian casualties. The following paragraphs include the same numeric key used above: [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.

1. November 03, 2018, near Al Shaafa, Syria, via Airwars report. Based on pre-strike intelligence and surveillance, and post-strike battle damage assessment, it was determined that civilian casualties did not occur because of a Coalition strike. 3220/CS1823 37SFU7742928044
2. May 17/18, 2020, near Al Zir, Syria, via Airwars report. Available evidence from the relevant operation contradicts the CIVCAS allegation and shows that no civilian casualties occurred because of Coalition action. 3200/CS1946 37S FU 30171 87869
3. October 02, 2021, near Mazra’a Tishreen, Syria, via Airwars report. After a thorough review of all CJTF-OIR’s strike and operation history, no strike or operation was identified +/-24 hours, in the vicinity of the allegation. 3310/CS1965 37SDV8824698641
4. October 16, 2021, near Al Zir, Syria, via Airwars report. 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 allegation. 3311/CS1966 37SFU3017187869
5. October 27, 2021, near Al Sabha, Syria, via Airwars report. 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 allegation. 3313/CS1968 37SEV8166572838
6. November 07, 2021, near Jarablus, Syria, via Airwars report. After a thorough review of all CJTF-OIR’s strike and operation history, no strike or operation was identified +/-24 hours, in the vicinity of the allegation. 3314/CS1969 37SDA1174375213
7. November 08, 2021, near Al Sabha, Syria, via Airwars report. After a thorough review of all CJTF-OIR’s strike and operation history, no strike or operation was identified +/-24 hours, in the vicinity of the allegation. 3315/CS1970 37SEV8166572838
8. November 08, 2021, near Fenijin, 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. 3316/CS1971 37SEV8166572838



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9. November 30, 2021, near Hajin, 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. 3317/CS1972 37SFU6762840159
10. December 12, 2021, near Al Busaira, 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. 3318/CS1974 37SFU2992591150
11. January 17, 2022, near Al Hawaii, 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. 3319/CS1975 37SFU3569980308
12. February 22, 2022, near Al Dahla, Syria, via Airwars report. After a thorough review of all CJTF-OIR's strike and operation history, no strike or operation was identified +/-24 hours, in the vicinity of the allegation. 3323/CS1979 37SFV1904205613
13. March 28, 2022, near Thiban, 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. 3324/CS1980 37SFU3806474645
14. September 18, 2022, near Abu Graib, Iraq, via Sabereen News report. After a thorough review of all available information, it was determined that civilian casualties were not caused by Coalition forces. The allegation claimed CIVCAS resulted from a Coalition live fire exercise, however no Coalition forces were utilizing the ranges at the time of the allegation. 3305/NA 38SMB2406284421
15. November 22, 2022, near Al Zar, Syria, via Airwars report. After a thorough review of all CJTF-OIR's strike and operation history, no strike or operation was identified +/-24 hours, in the vicinity of the allegation. 3326/CS1988 37SFU3052887776
16. January 20-26, 2023, near Al Sina'a Prison, Al Hasakah, Syria, via Airwars report. A thorough review of all available information did not support a finding that civilians were killed or wounded by Coalition action. Rather, the available evidence indicated that all strikes affected only legitimate military targets. 3320/CS1976 37SFA5786438292



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Duplicate Reports: 2 allegations were determined to be duplicates of other reports that have previously been assessed.

1. September 26, 2021, near Al Zir, Syria, via Airwars report. This allegation was assessed in allegation 3303 and deemed “not credible.” The allegation was closed as a duplicate due to a lack of any new information that would change the initial assessment.
3309/CS1964 37SFU3272084763
2. February 03, 2022, near Atma, Syria, via Airwars report. This allegation is closed as a duplicate because the potentially corroborating operation is being assessed in Open Report No. 4. 3321/CS1977 37SBA9188021812

Partner Forces: CJTF-OIR thoroughly reviews all allegations attributed to the Coalition. The following 8 allegations potentially corresponded with operations not under CJTF-OIR Approval Authority with no CJTF-OIR kinetic support. The appropriate command was notified of the allegation for any further action.

1. October 25, 2021, near Al Adwania Syria, via Airwars report. 3312/CS1967
37SEA5574563090
2. February 08, 2022, near Bisira, Syria, via Airwars report. 3322/CS1978
37SFU2992591150
3. June 09, 2022, near Al-Atta, Hassakah, Syria, via Airwars report. 3325/CS1981
37SFV5594191831
4. July 04, 2022, near Al Zer, Syria, via Airwars report. 3328/CS1982 37SFU3052887776
5. September 20, 2022, near Al Baydar, Syria, via Airwars report. 3306/CS1983
37SEV2798968390
6. October 27-28, 2022, near Diban Syria, via Airwars report. 3307/CS1985
37SFU3806474645
7. November 03, 2022, near Al Ruwashed, Syria, via Airwars report. 3308/CS1986
37SFV3107554226
8. December 20, 2022, near Al Bab, Syria, via Airwars report. 3327/CS1989
37SCA6687226104



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Correction: The “CJTF-OIR Periodic CIVCAS Report- 16 SEP 22” reported 4 civilian casualties associated with Allegation No. 2753. The below statement reflects an adjusted number of casualties based on a subsequent review of the evidence.

1. June 4, 2018, near al Helo, Syria, via Human Rights Watch. Coalition aircraft conducted a strike on ISIS fighters and an ISIS staging area. Regrettably, 12 civilians were unintentionally killed. 2753/CS1762 37SFV8811796621

Open Reports: The below 5 reports of civilian casualties are currently under assessment as of 03 November 2023.

1. April 28, 2017, near al Tabaqa, Syria, via Airwars report
2. October 10, 2017, near Deir Ez Zor, Syria via Self-Report.
3. November 28, 2017, near El Qata, Syria, via Self-Report.
4. February 02, 2022, near Atimah, Syria, via Self-Report.
5. February 22, 2023, near Jaded Akidat, Syria, via Airwars