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Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve Civilian Casualty Assessment

SOUTHWEST ASIA – This is the first publication of the CJTF-OIR Civilian Casualty Report since August 2021. This report is released as part of the commitment by the U.S. government to increased transparency and accountability.

On Jan. 27, the U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III issued a memorandum directing the creation of a Civilian Harm Mitigation and Response Action Plan (CHMRAP). The CHMRAP will advance our ongoing efforts to improve the Department's approach to civilian harm mitigation and response, and will inform completion of a forthcoming DoD Instruction (DoDI) on Civilian Harm Mitigation and Response.

The Coalition follows a rigid targeting process for all of our strikes to ensure strict adherence to the Law of Armed Conflict while minimizing the impact of our operations on civilian populations and infrastructure. Every accidental loss of life is tragic, and it will remain our goal to take feasible precautions to avoid putting civilians in danger in our pursuit of a ruthless enemy.

In the recent months, CJTF-OIR completed the transition to an advising, assisting, and enabling mission. We remain committed to supporting our Iraqi partner forces in the continued defeat of Daesh. Our mission in Syria remains the continued defeat of ISIS by advising, assisting, and enabling vetted local partner forces, including the Syrian Democratic Forces. Moving forward, we will continue to periodically release these reports.

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 at least 35,045 strikes between August 2014 and December 2021. CJTF-OIR assesses that, since the beginning of Operation Inherent Resolve in August 2014, at least 1,437 civilians have been unintentionally killed by Coalition actions during combat operations against ISIS.

Since our last publication in August 2021, CJTF-OIR closed 69 reports, received one new report, and carried over 37 open reports from previous months.



It is important to note that, while the Coalition has a substantial quantity of data at its disposal to assess whether civilian casualties may have resulted from our operations, we welcome any information from any source that will enable us to better understand the outcomes of our operations. Furthermore, we routinely reopen closed assessments based on new information that might help us attain more accurate results. Below is a breakdown of the recently closed reports – credible, non-credible, and duplicate – and open reports within CJTF-OIR.

Credible Reports: In these ten incidents, CJTF-OIR assessed that the Coalition took 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 airstrikes to reduce the risk of harm to civilians.

- 1. Mar. 27, 2017, near Sarmada, Syria, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted a strike on Al Qaida-Syria terrorists in a vehicle. Regrettably, three civilians were unintentionally killed and two others unintentionally wounded due to their proximity to the strike. 2496/S548 37SBA9518306931
- 2. Jun. 9, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. Coalition aircraft conducted a strike on ISIS terrorists in a building. Regrettably, eight civilians were unintentionally killed due to their proximity to the strike. 2688 37SEC0297578153
- 3. Aug. 24, 2015, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted a strike on ISIS terrorists in a vehicle. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally killed and three others unintentionally wounded due to their proximity to the strike. 605/I072 38SLF3311025790
- 4. Sep. 27, 2016, near al Arima, Syria, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted a strike on ISIS terrorists in a building. Regrettably, three civilians were unintentionally wounded due to their proximity to the strike. 3053/CS317 37SCA8548737049
- 5. Nov. 10, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted a strike on ISIS terrorists in a building. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally wounded due to their proximity to the strike. 3222/CS1829 37SFU6762840159
- 6. Dec. 10, 2018, near al Kashmah, Syria, via social media report. Coalition aircraft conducted a strike on ISIS terrorists in a building. Regrettably, two civilians were unintentionally killed due to their proximity to the strike. 2644 37SFU7805732826



- 7. Dec. 20, 2018, near al Shaafa, Syria, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted a strike on ISIS terrorists in a building. Regrettably, two civilians were unintentionally killed due to their proximity to the strike. 3256/CS1875 37SFU7742928044
- Feb. 12, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via social media report. Coalition aircraft conducted a strike on ISIS terrorists in a building. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally wounded due to their proximity to the strike. 2669/CS1890 37SFU7913513777
- 9. Mar. 13, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted a strike on ISIS terrorists in a camp. Regrettably, four civilians were unintentionally killed due to their proximity to the strike. 2682/CS1908 37SFU7945513515
- 10. Oct. 15, 2020, near Said, Syria, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted a strike on ISIS terrorists in a vehicle. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally wounded due to their proximity to the strike. 3288/CS1950 37SBV8906660580

Non-Credible Reports: After a thorough review of the facts and circumstances surrounding each report that civilian casualties may have resulted from Coalition operations report, CJTF-OIR assessed the following 53 reports as non-credible. At this time there is either insufficient information or information that does not corroborate a reporting to assess, more likely than not, a Coalition action resulted in civilian casualties.

- 1. Aug. 29, 2015, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2825/CS120 37SEV0084978465
- 2. Sept. 27, 2015, near Jala'a, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2848/CS130 37SFU6865035802
- 3. Nov. 24, 2015, near Jarbua, Iraq, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2862/C1145 38SLF4926531005
- 4. Feb. 27, 2016, near Ayn al Arus, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2922/CS185 37SDA9416358305
- 5. March 13, 2016, near Abu Qalqal, Syria, via Airwars report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information). After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a



Coalition strike. 151/CS190 37SDA1853332540

- 6. June 8, 2016, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2959/CI249 38SLF2823926324
- 7. June 30, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2996/CS244 37SDA0586841035
- 8. July 9, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3003/CS254 37SDA0652842901
- 9. July 15, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3011/CS264 37SDA0652842901
- 10. July 16, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3015/CS267 37SDA0643442308
- 11. July 24, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3021/CS281 37SDA0652942902
- 12. Sep. 13, 2016, near Shadadi, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3042/CS310 37SFV5585691580
- 13. Nov. 2, 2016, near Kafr Takharim, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3073/CS355 37SBV7632299779
- 14. Nov. 2, 2016, near Maraat Misrin, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3074/CS356 37SBV9018087733
- 15. Nov. 18, 2016, near Batabo, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3075/CS379 37SBA9662201229



- 16. Feb. 21, 2017, near Azri, Iraq, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3084/CI473 38SMC3867519752
- 17. Jun. 7, 2017, near al Sadda road, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3104/CS928 37SFU3815570223
- 18. Jun. 9, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2686 37SDV9937479137
- 19. Jun. 9, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2689/CS953a 37SEV0306377917
- 20. Jul. 4, 2017, near Tal al-Jayer, Syria, via Human Rights Watch report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2747/CS1158 37SFV8304192576
- 21. Aug. 1, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2709/CS1312 37SEV0124678938
- 22. Aug. 10, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2712/CS1362a 37SDV9957578252
- 23. Aug. 14, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2716/CS1372a 37SEV0073779728
- 24. Aug. 15, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2718/CS1375a 37SEV0024679277
- 25. Aug. 16, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2720/59 37SEV0021479445
- 26. Aug. 16, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not



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occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2722/60 37SEV0140578491

- 27. Aug. 22, 2017, near Raggah, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2771/CS1405 37SEV0056879299
- 28. Sept. 5, 2017, near Raggah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2723/69 37SEV0031979437
- 29. Sept. 10, 2017, near Raggah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2726/71 37SEV0040778965
- 30. Sept. 23, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2767/CS1636 37SEV0012479175
- 31. Sept. 25, 2017, near Raggah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2727/CS1527 37SEV0094479704
- 32. Oct. 3, 2017, near Raggah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2729/79 37SEV0057479617
- 33. Oct. 8, 2017, near Raggah, Syria, via Amnesty International report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2713/CS1596 37SEV0019479425
- 34. Oct. 17, 2017, near Raggah, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3239/CS1635 37SEV0106678185
- 35. Nov. 26, 2017, near Daranj, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2548/S1484 37SFU4445465128
- 36. Dec. 5, 2017, near al-Jarthi, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2554/S1488 37SFU494361498



- 37. Dec. 22, 2017, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2563/S1499 37SFU6762940159
- 38. Aug. 6, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3177/CS1788 37SFU7971223100
- 39. Aug. 7, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3178/CS1789 37SFU8057322558
- 40. Sept. 12, 2018, near al Baghouz Fawqani, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3186/CS1796 37SFU7867215341
- 41. Sept. 13, 2018, near al Baghouz Fawqani, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3187/SCS1797 37SFU7867215341
- 42. Oct. 3, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3192/CS1803 37SFU8057322558
- 43. Oct. 22, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3208/CS1814a 37SFU8057322558
- 44. Nov. 11, 2018, near al Shaafa, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3225/CS1832 37SFU7742928044
- 45. Nov. 15, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3229/CS1836 37SFU6935123838
- 46. Nov. 25, 2018, near al Kashmah, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2932/CS1855 37SFU7772632674
- 47. Jan. 10, 2019, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available



evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3264/CS1885 37SFU8057322558

- 48. Jan. 25, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2934/CS1891 37SFU7772017798
- 49. Apr. 13, 2019, near al Takihi, Syria, via Airwars report. This allegation was closed due to a lack of corroborating Coalition strikes at the time and location of the alleged incident. 3277/CS1917 37SFU3406893034
- 50. Jun. 30, 2019, near Aleppo, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3218/CS1921 37SCV1647596357
- 51. Aug. 31, 2019, near Kafr Jalis, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 2776/CS1928 37SBV8750684056
- 52. Oct. 22, 2020, near Jakara, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3290/CS1952 37SBA6501203608
- 53. Dec. 30, 2020, near Idlib, Syria, via Airwars report. After review of all available evidence it was determined that more likely than not civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. 3292/CS1954 37SBA7189202787

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

- 1. Mar. 17, 2017, near al Jadidah, Iraq, via Airwars report. This allegation did not provide sufficient information to warrant a new investigation and was closed as a duplicate of allegation 394. 3090/CI551 38SLF2992222476
- 2. Apr. 10, 2017, near Yarmouk, Iraq, via Airwars report. This allegation did not provide sufficient information to warrant a new investigation and was closed as a duplicate of allegation 1117. 3092/CI626 38SLF2798823011
- 3. Sept. 9, 2017, near Abu Kamal, Syria, via Amnesty International report. This allegation did not provide sufficient information to warrant a new investigation and was closed as a duplicate of allegation 1254. 3145/CS1462 37SFU7591214996



- 4. Oct. 30, 2018, near al Shaafa, Syria, via Airwars report. This allegation did not provide sufficient information to warrant a new investigation and was closed as a duplicate of allegation 3211/CS1817. 3219/CS1821 37SFU7742928044
- 5. Feb. 11, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report. This allegation did not provide sufficient information to warrant a new investigation and was closed as a duplicate of allegation 2668/CS1899. 3271/CS1898 37SFU7867115340

Open Reports: CJTF-OIR is still assessing thirty-seven reports of civilian casualties.

- 1. Sept. 9, 2015, near al Thawrah, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 2. June 29, 2016, near Fallujah, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 3. July 7, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 4. July 9, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 5. July 9, 2016, near Manbij, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 6. July 18, 2016, near Tokhar Kabir, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 7. July 18, 2016, near Haymar Labda, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 8. Jan. 11, 2017, near Saraqib, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 9. Jan. 15, 2017, near Zeraei, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 10. Mar. 4, 2017, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
- 11. Apr. 28, 2017, near al Tabaqa, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 12. Jun. 9, 2017, near Ar Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 13. Jun. 11, 2017, near Ar Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 14. Jun. 12, 2017, near Ar Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 15. Jun. 13, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 16. Jun. 21, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.



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- 17. Jul. 13, 2017, near al Basrawo, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 18. Jul. 18, 2017, near Ar Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 19. Aug. 19, 2017, near al-Helo, Syria, via Human Rights Watch.
- 20. Oct. 3, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 21. Oct. 3, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
- 22. Oct. 10, 2017, near Deir Ez Zor, Syria via self-report.
- 23. Nov. 28, 2017, near El Qata, Syria, via self-report.
- 24. Feb. 6, 2018, near al Shafaa, Syria, via self-report.
- 25. May 27, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 26. June 4, 2018, near al Helo, Syria, via Human Rights Watch.
- 27. Nov. 3, 2018, near al Shaafa, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 28. Jan. 9, 2019, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 29. Jan. 10, 2019, near al Shajlah, Syria, via self-report.
- 30. Feb. 7, 2019, near al Shahil, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 31. Feb. 11, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 32. Mar. 10, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 33. Mar. 10, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.

34. Mar. 18, 2019, near al Baghouz Fawqani, Syria, via self-report. A Secretary of Defense-directed review of this report is ongoing.

- 35. May 17, 2020, near al Zir, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 36. Jun. 28, 2021, near al Qa'em, Syria, via Airwars report.
- 37. Dec. 3, 2021, near Idlib, Syria, via self-report.

