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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 continues to employ thorough and deliberate targeting and strike processes to minimize the impact of operations on civilian populations and infrastructure. This process includes thorough review and vetting of each target package prior to a strike and another review after that strike. Regular strike reports make Coalition activities publicly accessible, and monthly publication of civilian casualty reports makes civilian casualty assessments similarly accessible to the public.

As demonstrated, the Coalition is willing to consider new civilian casualty allegations as well as new or compelling evidence on past allegations to establish accountability based on the best available evidence.

The Coalition conducted 34,514 strikes between August 2014 and the end of May 2019. During this period, based on information available, CJTF-OIR assesses at least 1,319 civilians have been unintentionally killed by Coalition strikes since the beginning of Operation Inherent Resolve.

In the month of May, CJTF-OIR carried over 111 open reports from previous months and received 77 new reports. CJTF-OIR completed 29 civilian-casualty allegation assessment reports. Out of the 29 completed casualty allegation reports, 13 reports were determined to be credible and resulted in 17 unintentional civilian deaths. Of the remaining 16 reports, and one previously unreported, 16 were assessed to be non-credible, and one was a duplicate of a previous report. One hundred and fifty-nine reports are still open, including two that had been previously closed but were reopened due to the availability of new information.

Credible Reports—In the 13 incidents assessed as credible in May, the investigations assessed that the Coalition 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.

1. Dec. 24, 2015, near Manbij, Syria, via self-report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against Daesh terrorists. Regrettably, two civilians were unintentionally wounded due to their proximity to the strike.

2. Sept. 22, 2016, near Qayyarah, Iraq, via media-report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike on a Daesh weapons storage facility. Regrettably, three civilians were unintentionally killed and one unintentionally...
3. Jan. 6, 2017, near Taftanaz, Syria, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against Daesh terrorists. Regrettably, two civilians were unintentionally killed due to their proximity to the strike.

4. Mar. 8, 2017, near Al Karama, Syria, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against a Daesh fighting position. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally wounded due to their proximity to the strike.

5. Apr. 19, 2017, near Al Thawra, Iraq, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against a Daesh fighting position. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally killed due to their proximity to the strike.

6. May 28, 2017, near Mansoura, Syria, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against a Daesh fighting position. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally wounded due to their proximity to the strike.

7. Jun. 10, 2017, near Raqqa, Syria, via Amnesty International report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against a Daesh barge. Regrettably, two civilians were unintentionally killed and 10 others unintentionally wounded due to their proximity of the strike.

8. Jun. 23, 2017, near Al Saaha, Iraq, via Airwars report. Coalition artillery conducted a strike against Daesh terrorists. Regrettably, five civilians were unintentionally killed due to their proximity to the strike.

9. Dec. 1, 2017, near Daranj, Syria, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against Daesh terrorists. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally killed due to their proximity to the strike.

10. May 10, 2018, near Khatuniya, Syria, via self-report. Coalition forces engaged in a small arms fire event. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally killed in the exchange.

11. Nov. 9, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via media report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against a Daesh facility. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally killed due to their proximity to the strike.

12. Jan. 4, 2019, near Ash Sha'fa, Syria, via self-report. Coalition artillery conducted a strike against a Daesh facility. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally wounded due to their proximity to the strike.

13. Mar. 20, 2019, near Anbar, Iraq, via self-report. Coalition forces engaged in a small arms fire event. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally killed and another one unintentionally wounded in the exchange.

**Duplicate Report**-- The following report was found to be a duplicate of a previously assessed report.


**Non Credible Reports**-- After a thorough review of the facts and circumstances of each civilian casualty report, CJTF-OIR assessed the following 16 reports (including one not previously reported) as non-credible. At
this time there is insufficient information to assess that, more likely than not, a Coalition strike resulted in civilian casualties.

1. Apr. 11, 2017, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available strike records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike. (Not previously reported)

2. Apr. 11, 2017, near West Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties.

3. Jun. 3, 2017, near Raqqa, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available strike records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike.

4. Jun. 3, 2017, near Raqqa, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available strike records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike.

5. Jun. 12, 2017, near Raqqa, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available strike records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike.

6. Jun. 18, 2017, near Raqqa, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available strike records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike.

7. Aug. 23, 2017, near Raqqa, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available strike records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike.

8. Sep. 5, 2017, near Raqqa, Syria, via media report. After a review of all available strike records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike.

9. Sep. 19, 2017, near Raqqa, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available strike records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike.

10. Nov. 14, 2017, near Deir Ez-Zor, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available strike records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike.

11. Dec. 10, 2017, near Deir Ez-Zor, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available strike records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike.

12. Jun. 12, 2018, near south east Hassaka, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available strike records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike.

13. Nov. 14, 2018, near Baghouz, Syria, via media report. After a review of all available strike records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike.
14. Nov. 29, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via media report. After a review of all available strike records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition strike.

15. Mar. 7, 2019, near Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information, it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties.

16. Apr. 15, 2019, near al Sha’fa, Syria, via media report. After a review of available information, it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties.

Open Reports-- CJTF-OIR is still assessing 159 reports of civilian casualties:

6. June 1, 2016, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
129. Feb. 28, 2018, near al-Sha'fah village, Syria, via Airwars report.


137. Nov. 25, 2018, near Al- Sha'fa, Syria, via social media report.


152. Feb. 6, 2019, near al-Busayrah, Syria, via self-report.


159. May 9, 2019, near al-Shuhail, Syria, via media report.

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