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CJTF – OIR Monthly Civilian Casualty Report, July 2020

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 34,885 strikes between August 2014 and the end of July 2020. During this period, based on information available, CJTF-OIR assesses at least 1,398 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 July, CJTF-OIR carried over 113 open reports from previous months and received 21 new reports. CJTF-OIR completed 27 civilian-casualty allegation assessment reports. Out of the 27 completed casualty allegation reports, three reports were determined to be credible and resulted in 20 unintentional civilian deaths and four civilians unintentionally wounded. CJTF-OIR assessed the remaining 24 reports as non-credible. One hundred and seven reports are still open, including four 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.

**Credible Reports:** In the three incidents assessed as credible in July, the investigations assessed that the CJTF-OIR 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. 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 general location of the strike area.

1. Aug. 11, 2016, near Diban, Syria, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted airstrikes against Daesh equipment. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally killed and at least one other unintentionally wounded as a result of the strike. 3029/CS293 37SFU426767

2. Sept. 30, 2016, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report. Coalition forces conducted multiple strikes against Daesh equipment. Regrettably, at least three civilians were unintentionally killed as a result of these strikes. 3058/CS322 37SFU747446

3. Jan. 6, 2017, in Mosul, Iraq, via New York Times report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against a Daesh facility. Regrettably, 16 civilians were unintentionally killed and three civilians were unintentionally wounded as a result of the strike. 301 38SLF332250

**Non-Credible Reports:** After a thorough review of the facts and circumstances of each civilian casualty report, CJTF-OIR assessed the following 24 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. June 1, 2016, in Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was determined that, more likely than not, the alleged civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition action. 662/CI245 38SLF332263

2. Aug. 16, 2016, in Ghirra Sgheer, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3031/CS295 37SDA138254
3. Aug. 31, 2016, in Tal Houdan, 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. 3035/CS304 37SDA146174

4. Aug. 27, 2017, in Al-Fadghami, 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. 1251/CS1417 37SFV703750

5. May 1, 2018, in Al Qasr, 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. 3167/CS1747 37SFV915903

6. Aug. 8, 2018, in Al Bubadran, 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. 3179/CS1790 37SFU797240

7. Aug. 14, 2018, in Al Baghouz Fawqani, 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. 3180/CS1791 37SFU786153

8. Aug. 16, 2018, in Al Baghouz, 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. 3181/CS1792 37SFU786153

9. Aug. 27, 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. 3184/CS1794 37SFU805225

10. Sep. 5, 2018, in Theyban, 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. 3185/CS1795 37SFU377758

11. Sep. 13, 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. 3188/CS1798
3189/CS1799 37SFU786153

3190/CS1800 37SFU786153

14. Oct. 1, 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. 3191/CS1802 37SFU797230

15. Oct. 4, 2018, in Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3193/CS1804 37SFU676401

16. Oct. 8, 2018, in Al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3194/CS1805 37SFU805225

17. Oct. 10, 2018, in Al Sha’afa, 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. 3195/CS1806 37FSU774280

18. Oct. 10, 2018, in Al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3196/CS1807 37SFU805225

19. Oct. 12, 2018, in Al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3197/CS1808 37SFU805225

20. Oct. 13, 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. 3198/CS1809 37SFU805225

records it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties. 3199/CS1810 37SFU619458

22. Nov. 17, 2018, in Abu Al-Hasan, Syria, via Syrian Observatory for Human Rights report. After a review of all available records it was determined that, more likely than not, the alleged civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition action. 2633 37SFU741359

23. May 1, 2020, near the Koniko Oil Fields, 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. 3131/CS1944 37SFV198117

24. May 16, 2020, in Al Basira, 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. 3182/CS1945 37SFU296908

Open Reports: CJTF-OIR is still assessing 107 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.


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

10. April 16, 2016, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
27. Sept. 27, 2016, near Al Arima, Syria, via Airwars report.
38. March 27, 2017, near Sarmada, Syria, via Airwars report.


63. Aug. 15, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information).


83. Feb. 6, 2018, near al-Shafaa, Syria, via self-report.
84. May 27, 2018, near al-Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
86. Aug. 6, 2018, near Al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
93. Jan. 3, 2019, near Al-Shafah, Syria, via social media report (previously closed, but
reopened due to new information).


98. Feb. 11, 2019, near al-Baghouz, Syria, via social media and Airwars report.


100. March 13, 2019, near al-Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.


104. May 22, 2020, near Al-Shabaka, Syria, via Airwars report.


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