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CJTF – OIR Monthly Civilian Casualty Report, May 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 34,846 strikes between August 2014 and the end of May 2020. During this period, based on information available, CJTF-OIR assesses at least 1,377 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 May, CJTF-OIR carried over 125 open reports from previous months and received 31 new reports. CJTF-OIR completed 41 civilian-casualty allegation assessment reports. CJTF-OIR assessed 35 reports as non-credible and six were duplicates of previous reports. One hundred and fifteen reports are still open, including six 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.

**Non-Credible Reports:** After a thorough review of the facts and circumstances of each civilian casualty report, CJTF-OIR assessed the following 35 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. Sept. 27, 2015, in Hit, 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. 2834/CI113 38SKC987246

2. Sept. 8, 2016, in Aski Mosul, Iraq, 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. 3037/CI284 38SKF973430

3. Sept. 14, 2016, in Al Salhiya, Syria, 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. 3043/CS311 37SFU593439

4. Nov. 26, 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. 3066/CI350 38SLF381235

5. March 4, 2017, in Mosul, Iraq, 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. 3085/CI508 38SLF285231

6. March 4, 2017, in Mosul, Iraq, 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. 3087/CI508 38SLF282264

7. March 10, 2017, in Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information of the time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3089/CI530 38SLF278216

8. April 4, 2017, in Karbala, 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. 3093/CI608 37SFU888058

9. April 4, 2017, in Al Qaim, 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. 3091/CI608 37SFU833078

10. May 11, 2017, 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. 3094/CI706 38SLF282263

11. July 23, 2017, in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3126/CS1258 37SEV008784

12. July 25, 2017, in Al Khamesiya, 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. 3128/CS1268a 37SEV511575

13. July 29, 2017, in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3137/CS1295 37SEV008784

14. July 31, 2017, in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3138/CS1306 37SEV008784

15. July 31, 2017, in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3139/CS1307 37SEV008784

16. Aug. 1, 2017, in Al Khamesiya, 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. 3140/CS1316a 37SEV511575

17. Aug. 2, 2017, in Zor Shamer, 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. 3141/CS1322a 37SEV330600
18. Aug. 9, 2017 in Al Tayba, 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. 3142/CS1359 37SFU330745

19. Aug. 14, 2017, in Al Sharja, 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. 3143/CS1383 36SYB699299

20. Aug. 20, 2017, in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3147/CS1399 37SEV015785

21. Aug. 27, 2017, in Al Boulil, 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. 3149/CS1425b 37SFU238942

22. Sept. 23, 2017, in Al Husseiniya, 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. 3146/CS1519 37SFV039132

23. Sept. 24, 2017, in Al Mayadin, 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. 3150/CS1522 37SFU324762

24. Oct. 4, 2017, near Hajin, 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. 3151/CS1580a 37SFU669400

25. Oct. 13, 2017, in Al Qaim, 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. 2329/CI869 37SFU829078


Duplicate Reports: The following reports were found to be duplicates of previously assessed
allegations of civilian casualties.


Open Reports: CJTF-OIR is still assessing 115 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.


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


13. June 1, 2016, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.


34. Sept. 13, 2016, near Shadadi, Syria, via Airwars report.
35. Sept. 27, 2016, near Al Arima, Syria, via Airwars report.
40. Jan. 6, 2017, near Al-Ziraei, Iraq, via media report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information).
47. March 17, 2017, near Al Jadidah, Iraq, via Airwars report.


70. July 28, 2017, near Al Mayadin, Syria, via Airwars report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information).


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


81. Aug. 27, 2017, near Al Fadghami, Syria, via Airwars report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information).


98. May 27, 2018, near al-Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
103. Jan. 3, 2019, near Al-Shafah, Syria, via social media report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information).
108. Feb. 10, 2019, near Omer Oil Fields, Syria, via media and Airwars report.
110. Feb. 12, 2019, near al-Baghouz, Syria, via social media report.

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


115. May 1, 2020, near the Koniko Oil Fields, Syria, via Airwars report.

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