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 conducted 34,941 strikes between August 2014 and the end of November 2020. During this period, based on information available, CJTF-OIR assesses at least 1,410 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 November, CJTF-OIR carried over 143 open reports from previous months and received 2 new reports. CJTF-OIR completed 10 civilian-casualty allegation assessment reports. CJTF-OIR assessed 9 reports as non-credible and one as a duplicate of a previous report. One hundred thirty-five reports are still open, including seven 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 nine 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. Nov. 23, 2018, near 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. 3243/CS1852 37SFU805225

2. Dec. 5, 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. 3251/CS1867 37SFU797240

3. Dec. 21, 2018, in Al Shaafa, 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. 3257/CS1876 37SFU774280

4. Jan. 10, 2019, in Al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report. The allegation provided insufficient detail to identify a specific date, time, or location to search for corroborating Coalition action. 3263/CS1886 377SFU805225

5. Jan. 10, 2019, 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. 3262/CS1884 37SFU805225

6. Jan. 30, 2019, in Al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report. The allegation provided insufficient detail to identify a specific date, time, or location to search for corroborating Coalition action. 3269/CS1894 37SFU786153

7. May 8, 2019, 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.

8. Jun. 4, 2019, in Shamikou, 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.

9. Oct. 16, 2020, in Al Majid, 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.

Duplicate Reports: The following report was found to be a duplicate of previously assessed Coalition actions.

1. Nov. 21, 2018, in Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report. The Coalition actions identified in this allegation are duplicates of those in allegation 3235 (no corroborating strikes, published November 2020).

Open Reports: CJTF-OIR is still assessing 135 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).


82. Aug. 6, 2018, near al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
84. Sept. 12, 2018, near al Bagouz Fawqani, Syria, via Airwars report.
91. Nov. 10, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report.


103. Jan. 3, 2019, near al Shafaa, Syria, via social media report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information).


114. Feb. 12, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via social media report.


120. Mar. 11, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.


123. Mar. 18, 2019, near al Baghouz, Syria, via Airwars report.


125. Apr. 13, 2019, near al Takihi, Syria, via Airwars report.


130. Feb. 12, 2020, near al Qamishli, Syria, via Airwars report.


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