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CJTF – OIR Monthly Civilian Casualty Report, June 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 34,872 strikes between August 2014 and the end of June 2020. During this period, based on information available, CJTF-OIR assesses at least 1,378 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 June, CJTF-OIR carried over 115 open reports from previous months and received 24 new reports. CJTF-OIR completed 26 civilian-casualty allegation assessment reports. Out of the 26 completed casualty allegation reports, two reports were determined to be credible and resulted in one unintentional civilian death and one unintentional civilian injury. CJTF-OIR assessed the remaining 24 reports as non-credible. One hundred and thirteen 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.

**Credible Reports:** In the two incidents assessed as credible in June, 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. June 22, 2016, in Raqqah, Syria, via self-report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against a Daesh facility. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally wounded as a result of the strike. 3158 37SEV008782

2. Mar. 13, 2020, in Karbala, Iraq, via media report. Coalition forces conducted an airstrike against a Kata'ib Hizbolla facility. Regrettably, one civilian was unintentionally killed as a result of the strike. 3047 38SMA261793

**Non-Credible Reports:** After a thorough review of the facts and circumstances of each civilian casualty report, CJTF-OIR assessed the following 23 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. Dec. 30, 2015, 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. 2874/CI170 38SLF342234

2. Jan. 1, 2016, in Thaïyala, 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. 2889/CI172 38SLC422007

3. June 22, 2016, in Raqqah, 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. 2980/CS238 37SEV008782

4. July 23, 2016, in Raqqah, 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. 1946/CS1256 37SEV000774

5. Aug. 1, 2017, in Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International and 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. 2706/AI49/CS1344 37SEV009792

6. Oct. 11, 2017, in Al Mjawda, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3156/CS1620 No MGRS Given

7. Oct. 17, 2017, in Al-Ghabra, 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. 3162/CS1645a 37SFU755234

8. Oct. 17, 2017, in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3159/CS1642 37SEV008784

9. Oct. 17, 2017, in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3160/CS1643 37SEV006786

10. Oct. 23, 2017, in Sahm al Jolan, 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. 3163/CS1649 36SYB749310

11. Nov. 4, 2017, in Al Kwashiya, 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. 3164/CS1665a 37SFV585541

12. Nov. 5, 2017, in Abu Kamal, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3165/CS1666a 37SFU752154

13. Nov. 13, 2017, in Jleib Ghanem, 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. 3166/CS1673a 37SFU401689
14. Apr. 19, 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. 3161/CS1644 37SFU797230

15. May 12, 2018, in Hadaj, 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. 3168/CS1750 37SFV851893

16. May 20, 2018, in 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. 3169/CS1753 37SFU676401

17. May 20, 2018, in Al Sha’afa, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information on time, location, or details to assess its credibility. 3170/CS1753 37SFU774280

18. June 7-8, 2018, in Kwuweibra, 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. 3171/CS1765 37SFV755877

19. July 16, 2018, in 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. 3172/CS1781 37SFU786153

20. July 26, 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. 3173/CS1784 37SFU774280

21. July 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. 3174/CS1785 37SFU805225

22. July 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. 3175/CS1786 37SFU805225
23. Aug. 3, 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. 3176/CS1787 37SFU774280

24. Feb. 10, 2019, in Al-Omar Oil Fields, 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. 2670/CS1897 37SFU449833

Open Reports: CJTF-OIR is still assessing 113 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.
11. June 1, 2016, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
27. Aug. 11, 2016, near Diban, Syria, via Airwars report.
34. Nov. 2, 2016, near Kafr Takharim, Syria, via Airwars report.
35. Nov. 18, 2016, near Batabo, Syria, via Airwars report.
36. Jan. 6, 2017, near Al-Ziraei, Iraq, via media report (previously closed, but reopened due
43. March 17, 2017, near Al Jadidah, Iraq, via Airwars report.
44. March 27, 2017, near Sarmada, Syria, via Airwars report.


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


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


90. Feb. 6, 2018, near al-Shafaa, Syria, via self-report.

91. May 1, 2018, near Al Qasr, Syria, via Airwars report.

92. May 27, 2018, near al-Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.


94. Aug. 6, 2018, near Al Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.


96. Aug. 8, 2018, near Al Bubadran, Syria, via Airwars report.


100. Nov. 25, 2018, near al-Kashmah, Syria, via Airwars report.


102. Jan. 3, 2019, near Al-Shafah, Syria, via social media report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information).


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

113. May 16, 2020, near Al Basira, Syria, via Airwars report.