Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve Monthly Civilian Casualty Report

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SOUTHWEST ASIA-- The Coalition has worked by, with and through partners since 2014 to defeat ISIS in designated parts of Iraq and Syria, liberating nearly 8 million Iraqis and Syrians from ISIS’s brutal rule and reducing its control of territory to approximately one percent of what it previously held.

We continue to employ thorough and deliberate targeting and strike processes to minimize the impact of our 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. Our regular strike reports make our activities publicly accessible, and our monthly publication of civilian casualty reports makes our civilian casualty assessments similarly accessible to the public.

As we have demonstrated, we are 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 a total of 30,008 strikes between August 2014 and end of August 2018. During this period, based on information available, CJTF-OIR assesses at least 1114 civilians have been unintentionally killed by Coalition strikes since the start of Operation Inherent Resolve.

In the month of August, CJTF-OIR carried over 219* open reports from previous months and received 151 new reports. The assessment of 60 civilian casualty reports has been completed. Out of the 60 completed casualty reports, eight of the reports were determined to be credible and resulted in 53 unintentional civilian deaths. Two of the reports were determined to be duplicate reports that had previously reported and the remaining 50 reports were assessed to be non-credible. A total of 310 reports are still open.

Credible Reports-- In each of the eight incidents, the investigation assessed that although all feasible precautions were taken and the decision to strike complied with the law of armed conflict, unintended civilian casualties regretfully occurred.

1. August 13, 2016, near Qayyarah, Iraq, via media report. During a strike on ISIS headquarters and fighting positions six civilians were unintentionally killed.

2. January 13, 2017, near al-Arabi neighborhood, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. During a strike on ISIS fighting positions and an ISIS headquarters building, three civilians were unintentionally killed.

3. February 23, 2017, near Mosul al-Jadidah (New Mosul), Iraq, via Airwars report. During a strike on ISIS fighting positions, VBIED facilities and an explosive factory, five civilians were unintentionally killed.

4. March 22, 2017, near al-Thani, Tabaqa, Syria, via Airwars report. During a strike on an ISIS fighting position, seven civilians were unintentionally killed.
5. May 16, 2017, near al-Zangili neighborhood, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. During a strike on ISIS fighting positions, a VBIED facility and a command and control center, twenty civilians were unintentionally killed.

6. June 29, 2017, near Bab Lakash, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. During a strike on ISIS fighting positions, six civilians were unintentionally killed.

7. August 1, 2017, near Qadiya, Iraq, via self-report. During a strike two civilians were injured and two civilians were unintentionally killed.

8. May 23, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via self-report. During a strike four civilians were unintentionally killed.

Duplicate Reports—two reports were assessed to be duplicate of other reports that have been or are currently being assessed this month.


Non Credible Reports—After a thorough review of the facts and circumstances of each civilian casualty report, CJTF-OIR assessed the following 50 reports 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. January 11, 2015, near Qayyarah, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

2. June 11, 2015, near Muhasan, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

3. March 19, 2016, near Qayyarah, Iraq, via media report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

4. October 24, 2016, near Tubzawa village, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

5. November 1, 2016, near Karama, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.
6. November 19, 2016, near Tel al-Samin, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

7. November 24, 2016, near al-Kili village, al-Jarnia, Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

8. December 6, 2016, near al-Abbara village, northern Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

9. January 5, 2017, near al-Muthanna neighborhood, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

10. January 12, 2017, near Biza’a city, Aleppo, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

11. January 27, 2017, near Dawassa and Farouq neighborhood, western Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

12. January 29, 2017, near Isilah Zeraei neighborhood, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

13. February 12, 2017, near Bab Sinjar, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

14. February 14, 2017, near Qasar al-Mataran, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

15. February 25, 2017, near Rifai neighborhood, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

16. March 14, 2017, near al-Thawrah, Tabqa, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.
17. March 14, 2017, near various locations in Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information of the time, location and details to assess its credibility.

18. March 16, 2017, near Jadida Kahit village, Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

19. March 16, 2017, near Jadida Baladiya, Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.


21. March 21, 2017, near July 17th neighborhood, 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 correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

22. March 22, 2017, near Ratla village, Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

23. March 22, 2017, near Hawi al-Kanissa, 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 correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

24. March 22, 2017, near Isilah Zeraei neighborhood, 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 correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

25. March 25, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

26. March 25, 2017, near Shoa’ib al-Zaker, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.


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29. March 26, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.


31. March 27, 2017, near Baaj, 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 correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

32. March 27, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information of the time, location and details to assess its credibility.


34. March 28, 2017, near Khatouniya, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

35. March 29, 2017, near Sho’aib al-Zaker, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

36. March 30, 2017, near Bab Lakash, 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 correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

37. March 30, 2017, near al-Safsaf, Tabaqa, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

38. March 30, 2017, near al-Hazimah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

39. May 4, 2017, near al-Meshraf neighborhood, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.
40. May 9, 2017, near al-Mansoura village, Raqqah, Syria, via social media report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

41. May 27, 2017, al-Sihah neighborhood, Mosul, Iraq, via media report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

42. June 8, 2017, near al-Sabahiya neighborhood, Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

43. June 15, 2017, near Between two bridges, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

44. June 25, 2017, near Ratla, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

45. July 2, 2017, near Zanjili, 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 correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

46. July 16, 2017, near al-Hal Market, Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

47. July 17, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. The report contains insufficient information of the time, location and details to assess its credibility.


49. January 27, 2018, near al-Baghdadi, Iraq, via social media report. After a review of available information and strike video it was assessed that there is insufficient evidence to find civilians were harmed in this strike.

50. March 26, 2018, near al-Khashmah, Syria, via self-report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition strikes were conducted in the geographical area that correspond to the report of civilian casualties.

Open Reports-- 310 reports of civilian casualties are still being assessed:


10. October 30, 2015, near Qayyarah, Iraq, via media report.


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


15. October 13, 2016 near Qayyarah, Iraq via media report.


34. February 19, 2017, near Darkoush, Idlib, Syria, via Airwars report.


42. March 5, 2017, near al-Abar neighborhood, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.

43. March 5, 2017, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.


47. March 9, 2017, near al-Farouq neighborhood, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.


52. March 16, 2017, near the Euphrates Dam, Syria, via Airwars report.


54. March 18, 2017, near Shabhar (Raqqah), Syria, via Airwars report.


60. March 27, 2017, near Al-Thawrah (Tabqa), Syria, via Airwars report.


68. April 10, 2017, near Sekak (Mosul), Iraq, via Airwars report.


70. April 11, 2017, near Anah, Iraq, via Airwars report.


75. April 19, 2017, near al-Thawra neighborhood, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.

76. April 26, 2017, near Debsi Afnan, Syria, via Airwars report.

77. April 26, 2017, near al-Tabqah, Syria, via Airwars report.


83. May 9, 2017, near Abu Kamal, Syria, via Airwars report.


86. May 12, 2017, near Quriyah, Syria, via Airwars report.


90. May 18, 2017, near Hunaida, Syria, via Airwars report.
95. May 25, 2017, near several neighborhoods, West Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.


120. June 18, 2017, near Between Two Bridges area, Raqqah, Syria via Airwars report.


126. June 20, 2017, near Khisham, Syria, via Airwars report.


144. July 1, 2017 near Hossain, Dier Ez Zor, Syria via Airwars report.


164. August 6, 2017 near Raqqah, Syria via Airwars report.


166. August 11, 2017 near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.

167. August 12, 2017, near Al Mazara’ (Tal Afar), Iraq, via social media report.


185. September 17, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.


188. September 19, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.


256. February 2, 2018, near al-Bahra, Syria via social media report.


258. February 6, 2018, near al-Shafaa, Syria via self-report.


261. February 19, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report.

262. February 21, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report.

263. February 23, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report.

264. February 25, 2018 near Zahrat al-Alwani village, Deir ez Zour, Syria, via Airwars report.

265. February 28, 2018, near al-Sha’fah village, Syria, via Airwars report.


268. March 5, 2018, near al-Bagouz, Syria, via Airwars report.

269. March 6, 2018, near al-Sha’afah, Syria, via Airwars report.

270. March 6, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report.

271. March 8, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report.


273. April 9, 2018, near Tel al-Jayer, Syria, via Airwars report.

274. April 13, 2018, near Damascus, Syria, via Airwars report.

275. April 13, 2018, near Homs, Syria, via Airwars report.


277. April 17, 2018, near al-Sarajiya village, Syria, via Airwars report.


279. May 10, 2018, near al Baghouz, Syria, via social media report.


291. June 12, 2018, near Hassoun al-Basha village, Syria, via Airwars report.


301. July 1, 2018 near al-Sarajiya, Syria, via Airwars report.

302. July 2, 2018 near Tel al-Shayer, Syria, via Airwars report.


* “Due to a recent audit, the CIVCAS Department found inconsistencies between the data storage system and the official signed hard copy reports. All digital tracking systems now appropriately reflect the official signed reports.”