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 Daesh in designated parts of Iraq and Syria, liberating nearly 8 million Iraqis and Syrians from Daesh’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 29,920 strikes between August 2014 and end of July 2018. During this period, based on information available, CJTF-OIR assesses at least 1061 civilians have been unintentionally killed by Coalition strikes since the start of Operation Inherent Resolve.

In the month of July, CJTF-OIR carried over 232* open reports from previous months and received two new reports. The assessment of 18 civilian casualty reports has been completed. Three reports were determined to be credible, resulting in two unintentional civilian deaths, while 15 were assessed to be non-credible. A total of 216 reports are still open.

Credible Reports-- In each of three 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 regrettably occurred.

1. July 4, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report. During a strike on Daesh fighting positions and Daesh VBIED facility, one civilian was unintentionally killed.

2. February 9, 2018, near al-Bahrah village, Syria, via self-report. During a strike on Daesh-held building, one civilian was unintentionally killed as a motorcycle entered the impact area moments before the strike.

3. June 13, 2018, near Abu Kamal, Syria, via self-report. During a strike on Daesh supply route, one civilian was unintentionally injured.

Non Credible Reports--After a thorough review of the facts and circumstances of each civilian casualty report, CJTF-OIR assessed the following 15 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 7, 2017, near west 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.

2. January 8, 2017, near 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.

3. March 8, 2017, near Albu Rashed, 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.

4. May 28, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via self-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. June 5, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, 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.

6. June 19, 2017, near Shifa 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.

7. July 1, 2017, near 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. July 2, 2017, near 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. July 3, 2017, near Kasrat Srour, 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.

10. July 18, 2017, near Subaikhan, 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. July 18, 2017, near 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.

12. September 8, 2017, near al-Nahdah, Syria, 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.

13. December 22, 2017, near Hajin, 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.

14. December 30, 2017, near al-Bahrah, 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.
15. February 7, 2018, near al-Sabah Farm, Dier Ez Zor, Syria, via self-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.

Open Reports-- 216 reports of civilian casualties are still being assessed:


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


23. Nov. 24, 2016, near Al Jarnia (Raqqah), Syria, via Airwars report.

24. Dec. 6, 2016, near Al Abbara village (Raqqah), Syria, via Airwars report.


42. March 11, 2017, near Al Karamah, Syria, via Airwars report.


44. March 14, 2017, near Al Thawrah (Tabaqah), Syria, via Airwars report.


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


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


62. March 25, 2017, near Al Thawrah (Tabaqah), Syria, via Airwars report.

63. March 25, 2017, near Al Thawrah (Tabaqah), Syria, via Airwars report.

64. March 25, 2017, near Al Mayadin, Syria, via Airwars report.


66. March 26, 2017, near Al-Thawrah (Tabaqah), Syria, via Airwars report.

67. March 27, 2017, near Al-Thawrah (Tabaqah), Syria, via Airwars report.

68. March 27, 2017, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.

69. March 27, 2017, near Raqqa, Syria, via Airwars report.


73. March 29, 2017, near Al Safsaf, Syria, via Airwars report.


78. March 30, 2017, near Al Huzaymah (Raqqah), Syria, via Airwars report.


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


82. April 16, 2017, near Al Tabqah, Syria, via Airwars report.

84. April 19, 2017, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.

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

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


89. May 6, 2017, near Mayadin, Syria, via Airwars report.


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


95. May 12, 2017, near Quraiyah, Syria, via Airwars report.

96. May 13, 2017, near Between two Bridges, Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.


98. May 18, 2017, near Hunaida, Syria, via Airwars report.


100. May 21, 2017, near Al Salhabiya, Syria, via Airwars report.


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

146. July 2, 2017 near Al Soor, Syria via Airwars report.


211. March 26, 2018, near al Kashman, Syria via self-report.
212. May 10, 2018, near al Baghouz, Syria, via social media report.


* The July report mistakenly stated 234 cases remained open. The number of cases carried forward to this month is actually 232.