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### **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 34,580 strikes between August 2014 and the end of July 2019. During this period, based on information available, CJTF-OIR assesses at least 1,313\* 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 July, CJTF-OIR carried over 100 open reports from previous months, received two new reports, and re-opened one previously assessed report. CJTF-OIR completed six civilian-casualty allegation assessment reports. Out of the six completed casualty allegation reports, one report was determined to be credible and resulted in five unintentional civilian deaths. Of the remaining five reports, CJTF-OIR assessed four reports as non-credible, and one was a duplicate of a previous report. Ninety-seven reports are still open, including two 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.



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**Credible Reports:** in the one incident assessed as credible in July, 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.

1. Aug. 23, 2017, in Karabla, Al Qaim, Iraq, via Airwars report. Coalition aircraft conducted an airstrike against a Daesh weapons cache. Regrettably, five civilians were unintentionally killed due to their proximity to the strike.

**Non-Credible Reports:** after a thorough review of the facts and circumstances of each civilian casualty report, CJTF-OIR assessed the following four 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.

1. Jun. 18, 2017, near Al Meshada neighborhood, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition action.
2. Jun. 26, 2017, near Al Mayadin, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition action.
3. Sep. 17, 2017, near Abu Kamal, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of all available records it was determined that, more likely than not, civilian casualties did not occur as a result of a Coalition action.
4. Apr. 24, 2019, near Al Daman, Syria, via Airwars report. After a review of available information it was assessed that no Coalition actions were conducted in the geographical area that corresponds to the report of civilian casualties.

**Duplicate Report:** CJTF-OIR found the following report to be a duplicate of a previously assessed Coalition action.

1. Mar. 23, 2017, near al-Yarmouk neighborhood, Mosul, Iraq, via self-report. The Coalition action identified in this allegation was previously assessed (Non Credible).

**Open Reports:** CJTF-OIR is still assessing 97 reports of civilian casualties.

1. Nov. 7, 2014, near Al-Tanak Oilfield, Syria, via Syrian Human Rights Network report.
2. Dec. 28, 2014, near Jarabulus, Syria, via Airwars report.
3. Aug. 24, 2015, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
4. Oct. 30, 2015, near Qayyarah, Iraq, via media report.



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5. Nov. 7, 2015, near Qayyarah, Iraq, via media report.
6. June 1, 2016, near Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
7. Oct. 13, 2016, near Qayyarah, Iraq, via media report.
8. Jan. 3, 2017, near Sarmada, Syria, via social media report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information).
9. Jan. 11, 2017, near Saraqib, Idlib, Syria, via Airwars report.
10. Feb. 3, 2017, near Sarmin, Idlib, Syria, via Airwars report.
11. Feb. 10, 2017, near Hatra, Iraq, via Airwars report.
12. Mar. 11, 2017, near Al Karamah, Syria, via Airwars report.
13. Mar. 25, 2017, near Al Mayadin, Syria, via Airwars report.
14. Mar. 27, 2017, near Sarmada, Idlib, via Airwars report.
15. Apr. 5, 2017, near al-Shafa neighborhood, Mosul, Iraq, via Airwars report.
16. Apr. 28, 2017, near al-Tabaqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
17. May 6, 2017, near Mayadin, Syria, via Airwars report.
18. May 9, 2017, near Abu Kamal, Syria, via Airwars report.
19. May 13, 2017, near Between two Bridges, Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
20. June 4, 2017, near Abu al Naital, Syria, via Airwars report.
21. June 6, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
22. June 9, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
23. June 9, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
24. June 9, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
25. June 13, 2017 near Kasrat Sheikh Jum'ah Syria, via Airwars report.
26. June 13, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
27. June 17, 2017, near Hawijah al-Swafi, Raqqah, Syria via Airwars report.



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28. June 21, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
29. June 21, 2017, near Amn al-Dawlah neighborhood, Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
30. June 22, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
31. June 30, 2017, near Al Dashaisha, Syria via Airwars report.
32. July 2, 2017, near Al Soor, Syria via Airwars report.
33. July 4, 2017, near Tal al-Jayer, Syria, via Human Rights Watch.
34. July 6, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
35. July 7, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
36. July 13, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria via Airwars report.
37. July 17, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
38. July 23, 2017, near Nazlet Shahata, Syria via Airwars report.
39. July 25, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
40. Aug. 1, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
41. Aug. 1, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
42. Aug. 10, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
43. Aug. 11, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
44. Aug. 14, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
45. Aug. 15, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
46. Aug. 16, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
47. Aug. 16, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
48. Aug. 19, 2017, near Al-Helo, Syria, via Human Rights Watch.
49. Aug. 22, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Airwars report.
50. Sept. 4, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria via Airwars report.



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51. Sept. 5, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
52. Sept. 10, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
53. Sept. 18, 2017, near al Mrashdah village, Albu Kamal, Syria, via Airwars report.
54. Sept. 23, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
55. Sept. 25, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
56. Sept. 27, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
57. Oct. 3, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
58. Oct. 3, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
59. Oct. 8, 2017, near Raqqah, Syria, via Amnesty International report.
60. Oct. 10, 2017, near Deir Ez Zor, Syria via self-report.
61. Oct. 13, 2017, near Husaybah, al Qaiem, Iraq via Airwars report.
62. Oct. 17, 2017, near Abu Kamal, Syria via self-report.
63. Nov. 26, 2017, near Daranj, Syria, via Airwars report.
64. Nov. 28, 2017, near El Qata, Syria, via self-report.
65. Dec. 5, 2017, near al-Jarhi, Syria, via Airwars report.
66. Dec. 22, 2017, near Hajin, Syria, via Airwars report.
67. Dec. 29, 2017, near al-Bahra, Syria, via Airwars report.
68. Feb. 6, 2018, near al-Shafaa, Syria, via self-report.
69. Feb. 28, 2018, near al-Sha'fah village, Syria, via Airwars report.
70. Mar. 2, 2018, near al-Bajari, Syria, via Airwars report.
71. May 27, 2018, near al-Soussa, Syria, via Airwars report.
72. June 4, 2018, near Al-Helo, Syria, via Human Rights Watch.
73. June 13, 2018, near al-Sousa, Syria, via Airwars report.



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74. June 21, 2018, near al-Sha'fah, Syria, via Airwars report.
75. July 16, 2018, near Deir Ezzor, Syria, via self-report.
76. Nov. 17, 2018, near Abu al-Hasan, Syria, via Syrian Observatory for Human Rights report.
77. Nov. 25, 2018, near Al- Sha'fa, Syria, via social media report.
78. Nov. 29, 2018, near Al-Kashma, Syria, via social media report.
79. Dec. 10, 2018, near al-Kashmah, Syria, via social media report.
80. Dec. 12, 2018, near Hajin, Syria, via self-report.
81. Dec. 12, 2018, near Abu Kamal, Syria, via self-report.
82. Dec. 20, 2018, near al-Shafaa, Syria, via social media report.
83. Jan. 3, 2019, near Al-Shafah, Syria, via social media report (previously closed, but reopened due to new information).
84. Jan. 10, 2019, near al-Shajlah, Syria, via self-report.
85. Jan. 18, 2019, near al-Baghrouz, Abu Kamal, Syria, via social media report.
86. Jan. 22, 2019, near al-Shajlah, Syria, via social media report.
87. Jan. 23, 2019, near al-Baghrouz, Syria, via social media report.
88. Jan. 25, 2019, near al-Baghrouz Fawqani, Syria, via self-report.
89. Jan. 25, 2019, near al-Mrashdah, Syria, via self-report.
90. Feb. 6, 2019, near al-Busayrah, Syria, via self-report.
91. Feb. 10, 2019, near Omer Oil fields, Syria, via media report and Airwars report.
92. Feb. 11, 2019, near al-Baghrouz, Syria, via social media report.
93. Feb. 12, 2019, near al-Baghrouz, Syria, via social media report.
94. Mar. 2, 2019, near al-Baghrouz Fawqani, Syria, via self-report.
95. Mar. 13, 2019, near al-Baghrouz, Syria, via Airwars report.
96. Mar. 18, 2019, near al-Baghrouz Fawqani, Syria, via self-report.



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97. Jul. 13, 2019, near Badiat Fletih, Syria, via Airwars report.

\* Editor's Note: In the July 26, 2018 Monthly Civilian Casualty Report, CJTF-OIR reported, "May 14, 2018, near Mishraq village, Iraq, via self-report. During a strike on Daesh campsite, thirteen civilians were unintentionally killed." This was an administrative error and should have read, "May 14, 2018, near Mishraq village, Iraq, via self-report. During a strike on Daesh campsite, thirteen civilians were unintentionally injured." The total civilian casualty assessment has been updated to reflect this correction.