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1. (S/D) This report updates NPIC report and reflects changes in Soviet ground forces deployment since This information was derived from satellite imagery acquired through

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**Table 1.**  
**Soviet Ground Forces Activity**  
**(Items keyed to Figure 1)**

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Item	Location/BE No	Units Present	Changes Since	Item	Location/BE No	Units Present	Changes Since
<b>TURKESTAN MILITARY DISTRICT</b>							
<b>Ashkhabad Area</b>							
		<b>Elements of motorized rifle division and nondivisional units</b>				1 multiple rocket launcher battalion	
1	Ashkhabad Army Bks AL-2/Hq Artillery Bde	1 signal regiment 1 motorized rifle unit	None None 1 100mm antitank battalion and elements of artillery brigades (2 artillery regiments) out of garrison	10	Bagram Airfield	1 airborne regiment	An artillery brigade has left the area
2	Ashkhabad Army Bks AL-1/SAM Support	1 tank regiment 1 artillery regiment 1 heavy lift unit	No tanks observed, possibly in garrison No howitzers observed, possibly in garrison None	11	Chagasary (Chaghasaray) Complex	1 motorized rifle battalion	Returned to garrison
				12	Jalalabad Airfield	1 motorized rifle regiment 1 airborne battalion	Airborne battalion newly arrived
<b>Kushka/Takhta Bazar Area</b>				<b>Northeast Afghanistan and Panjar Valley Area</b>			
3	Kushka Army Barracks AL-1	1 T-62-equipped tank regt 1 artillery regiment 1 antitank battalion 2 BMP-equipped motorized rifle regiments 1 engineer battalion 1 chemical defense battalion 1 recon battalion 1 multiple rocket launcher battalion	Newly arrived None None 1 newly arrived None None Newly arrived Newly arrived	13	Pol-E Khomri Soviet Deployment Area	Command post 1 motorized rifle regiment 1 motor transport regiment	None
4	Takhta Bazar Army Barracks AL-1	1 BTR-60PB-equipped motorized rifle regiment	None	14	Kunduz (Qonduz) Airfield	Command post Elements of motorized rifle regiment 2 airborne battalions 1 chemical defense battalion	Airborne battalion newly arrived; engineer battalion departed
5	Iolotan Army Barracks AL-1	1 BTR-60PB-equipped motorized rifle regiment	None	15	Eshkashem Search Area Afghan A474	1 motorized rifle battalion	Not imaged
				16	Nahrin Army Barracks	1 motorized rifle battalion	None
6	Termez Army Barracks AL-1	1 motorized rifle regiment (cadre strength) 1 tank regiment 1 antitank battalion 1 FROG-7 battalion 1 BTR-60PB-equipped motorized rifle regiment PPS/PMP bridge	None None None None Possibly out of garrison	17	Feyzabad Airfield	2 motorized rifle battalions	None
7	Termez Army Barracks AL-3	1 motorized rifle regiment (cadre strength) 1 anti-aircraft artillery regiment	None None	18	Shir Khan GOB AF/UR Bdr Search Area	Elements of motorized rifle regiment	Newly identified
8	Shaartuz/Khodashi Search Area	Roadway bridge	None PMP ponton bridge dismantled	<b>Western and Southern Afghanistan Area</b>			
				19	Herat Airfield	1 motorized rifle regiment	Newly identified
				20	Shindand Deployment Area	Command post 1 motorized rifle regiment 1 tank regiment 1 artillery regiment 1 multiple rocket launcher battalion 1 FROG-3/5 battalion 1 chemical defense battalion 1 multiple rocket launcher regiment	1 battalion from the rocket launcher regiment redeployed to Kandahar
<b>SOVIET GROUND UNITS IN AFGHANISTAN</b>				21	Kandahar (Qandahar) Airfield	1 motorized rifle regiment 1 airborne battalion 1 multiple rocket launcher battalion	Newly arrived
<b>Kabul and Konar Valley Area</b>							
9	Kabul Complex	Command post 1 motorized rifle regiment 1 tank regiment 1 artillery regiment	2 motorized rifle regiments have left the Kabul area				

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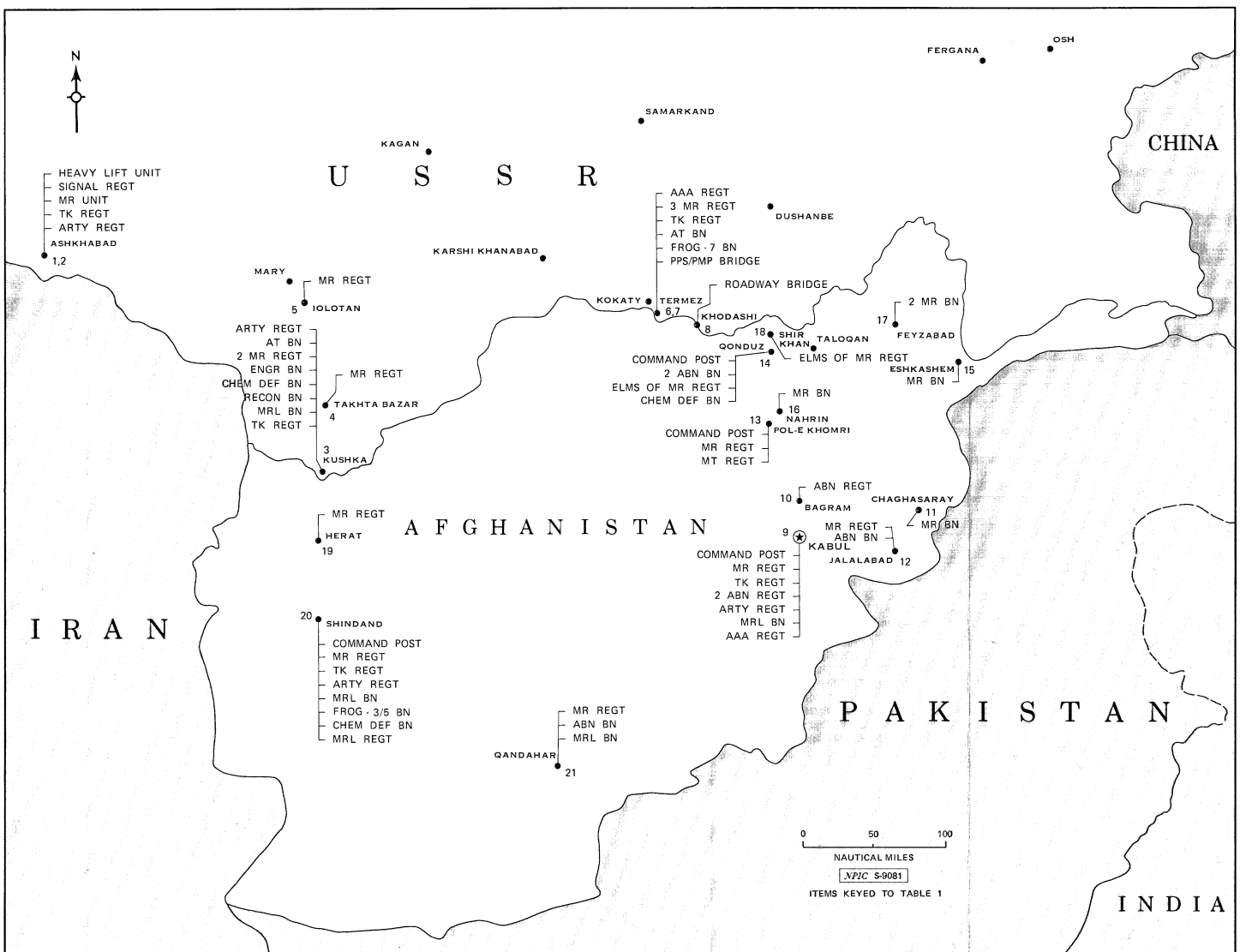


FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF SOVIET GROUND FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN AND IN THE TURKISTAN MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR, AS OF [REDACTED]

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