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### FORMATION OF NEW BRIGADES IN SOUTH YEMEN (S)

1. (S/D) Soviet deliveries of military equipment to South Yemen have increased substantially during the past year. The quantities and types of equipment as well as the deployment patterns indicate that new combat brigades have been formed rather than existing ones upgraded. Most of the equipment is at Aden Barracks Training Center and School Salah Al Din (Figure 1); this equipment has been organized to form a FROG-7 brigade, an armor brigade, and an artillery brigade.

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#### FROG-7 Brigade

2. (S/D) FROG-7 equipment (Figure 2) was first seen in South Yemen in September 1979. This equipment included 12 FROG-7 transporter-erector-launchers (TELS), 24 FROG-7 resupply vehicles, ten Robotron computer vehicles on UAZ-450 van-bodied trucks, and numerous FROG-7 rockets.

#### Armor Brigade

3. (S/D) An armor brigade (Figure 3) appears to have replaced the probable training brigade seen at Aden Barracks Training Center and School Salah Al Din in November 1979. The brigade consists of three tank battalions. Two of the battalions are equipped with T-54/-55 tanks and one is equipped with T-62 tanks; only elements of a T-62 battalion and of a T-54/-55 battalion are illustrated. The brigade also includes one BMP (armored personnel carrier)-equipped mechanized infantry battalion, one reconnaissance company, one probable signal company, and one motorized transport unit.

4. (S/D) Further evidence that this equipment has been organized to form an armor brigade was seen at Bir Fugum Military Training Area where two medium-tank battalions have been observed in six company training formations. This is the first time that more than one tank battalion has been observed in training formation together, indicating that both battalions are part of the same unit (an armor brigade) rather than from separate units.

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#### Artillery Brigade

5. (S/D) The apparent formation of an artillery brigade (Figure 4) This brigade consisted of four 130mm M-46 field gun batteries (16 guns), five 122mm D-30 howitzer batteries, an antitank battalion consisting of 12 BRDM-2 with SAGGER antitank guided missiles (ATGMs; seven shown on graphic), and one 85/100mm antitank gun battery of three guns. A multiple rocket launcher battalion consisting of 18 BM-21 rocket launchers was observed with this brigade

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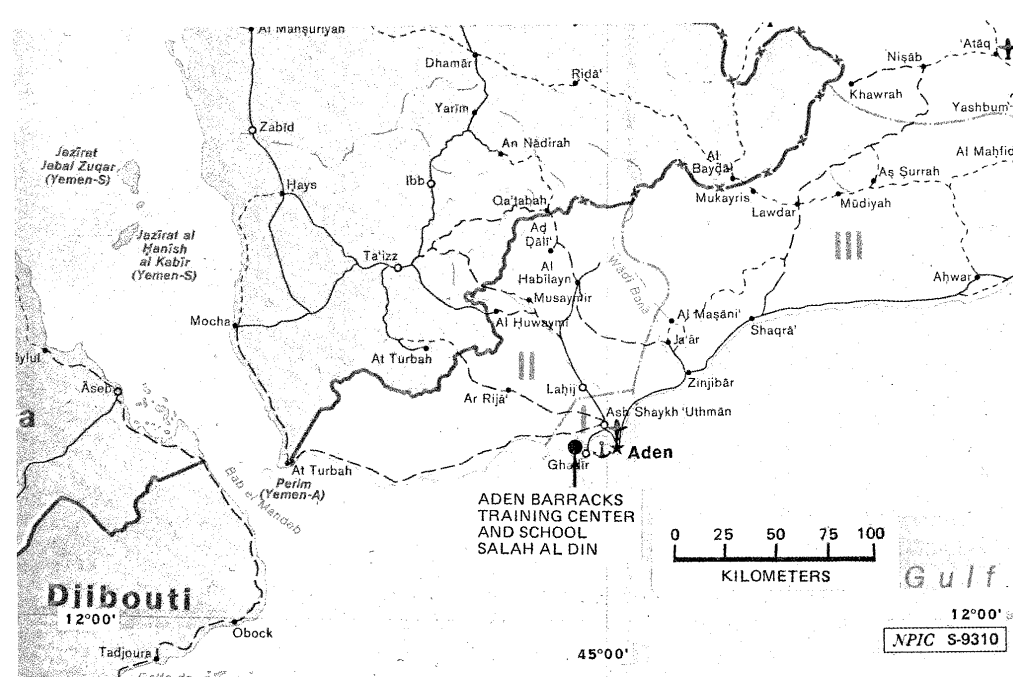


FIGURE 1. ADEN BARRACKS TRAINING CENTER AND SCHOOL SALAH AL DIN, SOUTH YEMEN

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