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**DEPLOYMENT OF SOVIET GROUND FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN
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1. (S/D) This report updates NPIC Report Z-20015/80¹ and reflects changes in Soviet ground forces deployment



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1. NPIC. Z-20015/80, IAR-0121/80, *Deployment of Soviet Ground Forces in Afghanistan and in the Turkestan Military District, USSR, as of 10 June 1980*, Jun 80 (SECRET)



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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		Item	Location/BE No	Units Present	
TURKESTAN MILITARY DISTRICT							
Ashkhabad Area				Elements of motorized rifle division and nondivisional units			
1	Ashkhabad Army Bks AL-2/Hq Artillery Bde [redacted]	1 signal regiment 1 motorized rifle unit 1 SA-4 brigade	None None SA-4 brigade returned from Afghanistan	11	Bagram Airfield [redacted]	1 multiple rocket launcher battalion 1 antiaircraft artillery regiment 2 airborne regiments 1 airborne regiment Elements of chemical defense battalion	SA-4 brigade and FROG-3/5 battalion returned to USSR
2	Ashkhabad Army Bks AL-1/SAM Support [redacted]	1 tank regiment 1 artillery regiment 1 heavy-lift unit	No tanks observed, possibly in garrison No howitzers observed, possibly in garrison None	12	Chagasary (Chaghasaray) Complex [redacted]	1 motorized rifle battalion	None
Kushka/Takhta Bazar Area				1 motorized rifle regiment, major elements of 1 motorized rifle division, and 2 airborne battalions			
3	Kushka Army Barracks AL-1 [redacted]	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 1 antiaircraft artillery regiment	None None None None None None None None Newly observed since April	15	Pol-E Khomri Soviet Deployment Area [redacted]	Command post 1 motorized rifle regiment 1 motor transport regiment	None
4	Takhta Bazar Army Barracks AL-1 [redacted]	1 BTR-60PB-equipped motorized rifle regiment	None	16	Kunduz (Qonduz) Airfield [redacted]	Command post Elements of motorized rifle regiment 2 airborne battalions 1 chemical defense battalion 1 antiaircraft artillery regiment	None
5	Iolotan Army Barracks AL-1 [redacted]	1 BTR-60PB-equipped motorized rifle regiment 1 FROG-3/5 battalion	None Returned from Afghanistan	17	Eshkashem Search Area Afghan A474 [redacted]	1 motorized rifle battalion	None
Termez Area				1 motorized rifle division, 3 airborne battalions, and 1 multiple rocket launcher regiment			
6	Termez Army Barracks AL-1 [redacted]	1 motorized rifle regiment (cadre strength) 1 tank regiment 1 antitank battalion 1 FROG-7 battalion 1 BTR-60PB-equipped motorized rifle regiment 1 signal battalion PPS/PMP bridge	None None None None None Newly arrived Across Amu Daraya	18	Nahrin Army Barracks [redacted]	1 motorized rifle battalion	None
7	Termez Army Barracks AL-3 [redacted]	1 motorized rifle regiment (cadre strength) 1 antiaircraft artillery regiment	None	19	Feyzabad Airfield [redacted]	2 motorized rifle battalions	None
8	Shaartuz/Khodashi Search Area [redacted]	Roadway bridge	Across Amu Daraya	20	Shir Khan GOB AF/UR Bdr Search Area [redacted]	Elements of motorized rifle regiment	None
9	Samarkand Tng Area WSW 1/Tank School [redacted]	1 tank regiment	Returned from Afghanistan	Western and Southern Afghanistan Area			
SOVIET GROUND UNITS IN AFGHANISTAN				1 motorized rifle regiment			
Kabul and Konar Valley Area				1 motorized rifle division, 3 airborne battalions, and 1 multiple rocket launcher regiment			
10	Kabul Complex [redacted]	Command post 2 motorized rifle regiments 1 artillery regiment	Tank regiment returned to USSR	21	Herat Airfield [redacted]	1 motorized rifle regiment	None
				22	Shindand Deployment Area [redacted]	Command post 1 motorized rifle regiment 1 tank regiment 1 artillery regiment 1 multiple rocket launcher battalion 1 chemical defense battalion 1 multiple rocket launcher regiment 1 airborne battalion	FROG-3/5 battalion returned to USSR; MRL battalion returned from Qandahar
				23	Kandahar (Qandahar) Airfield [redacted]	1 motorized rifle regiment 2 airborne battalions	Newly deployed MRL battalion returned to Shindand 1 airborne battalion newly deployed

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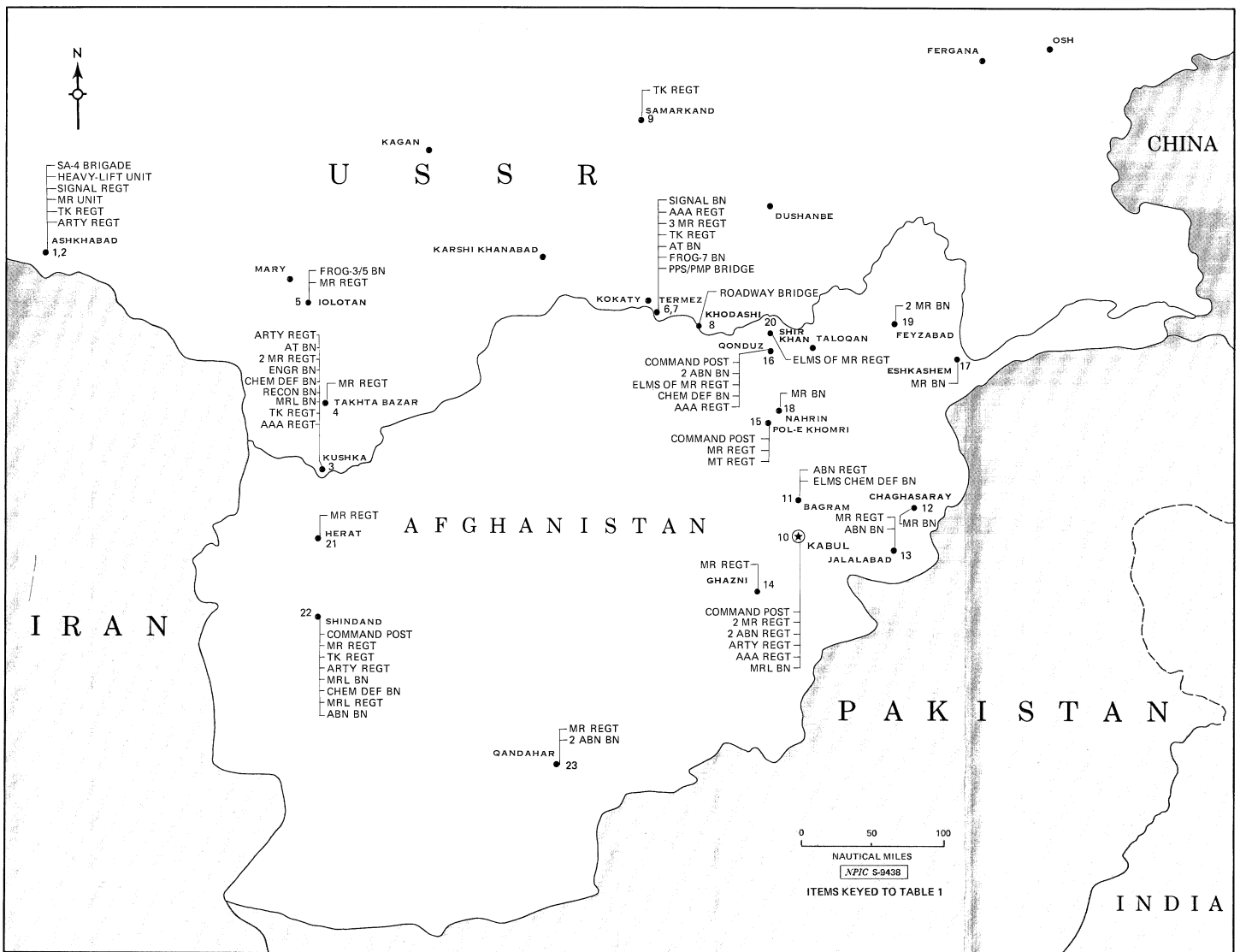


FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF SOVIET GROUND FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN AND IN THE TURKESTAN MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR.

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