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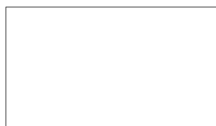


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**Deployed Vehicle Decontamination Station at
Shindand, Afghanistan (S)**

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DEPLOYED VEHICLE DECONTAMINATION STATION AT SHINDAND, AFGHANISTAN (S)

1. (TSR) A deployed vehicle decontamination station was observed for the first time at Shindand, Afghanistan, on imagery of [redacted] (Figure 1). The vehicle decontamination station, on the east edge of Shindand Deployment Area [redacted] consisted of two TMS-65 decontamination vehicles with tank trailers, five ARS-12 decontamination vehicles, and two BRDM-RKH reconnaissance vehicles. Although it is not possible to determine from imagery whether this station is in fact being used for decontaminating vehicles or is only for training, the configuration is consistent with operational deployment.

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2. (TSR) The two TMS-65 decontamination vehicles were deployed on either side of a vehicle path and were offset from each other. The spray nozzles were facing the path, enabling both sides of a vehicle driven along the path to be decontaminated. A tank trailer was adjacent to each TMS-65. Four of the ARS-12s were deployed in a row perpendicular to the vehicle path. The two BRDM-RKHs and an ARS-12 were deployed at the head of the vehicle path, probably marking the entrance to the station. Additional related equipment near the station included three BRDM-RKHs, one ARS-12, four cargo trucks, and two trailers.

3. (TSR) Most of the equipment for the vehicle decontamination station was in the chemical defense battalion's bivouac area on [redacted] however, two BRDM-RKHs, four cargo trucks, two trailers, and a tank truck were near the decontamination station on that day.

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4. (S/D) Shindand Deployment Area is in western Afghanistan, 125 nautical miles (nm) south of the Soviet-Afghan border and 75 nm east of the Iranian-Afghan border. It contains a chemical defense battalion and major elements of a Soviet motorized rifle division and is a major Soviet supply base.

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