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IRAQ/IRAN MILITARY SUMMARY 18—23 SEPTEMBER 1980 (S)

1. (S/D) This report summarizes Iraqi and Iranian military activity during the period from 18 through 23 September 1980.

IRAQ

Ground Activity

2. (S/D) Elements of six Iraqi maneuver divisions were out of garrison. These include units from the 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 10th Armored Divisions and the 1st and 5th Mechanized Infantry Divisions.¹
3. (S/D) At Tolafarush Search Area A 576 [] a vehicle concentration with one artillery battalion, one infantry battalion, and an air defense battalion was at 34-17-10N 045-20-30E. Approximately 350 vehicles were present [] Approximately 100 trucks/utility vehicles were moving north along the road north of Jalula. 25X1
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4. (S/D) There was no coverage of the Mehran Search Area [] during this reporting period. 25X1
5. (S/D) No bomb damage or craters were observed in the Al Basrah area. [] however, defensive positions and personnel trenches were observed throughout the area. 25X1
6. (S/D) An SA-6 regiment, previously in the vicinity of Al Basrah, had redeployed to the east bank of the Shatt Al Arab River when observed [] Three SA-6 battalions were observed on the east bank and two SA-6 battalions were still deployed on the west bank in the vicinity of Al Basrah. 25X1
7. (S/D) On the east bank of the Shatt Al Arab [] elements of a mechanized infantry company, an artillery battalion, and support units were deployed approximately 4 nautical miles (nm) north of Al Basrah. A mechanized infantry battalion was deployed 16 nm north of Al Basrah and elements of a tank battalion in convoy formation were on the road immediately west of the mechanized infantry battalion (headed north-northwest). Elements of two combined-arms companies and an artillery battery were deployed 8 nm northeast of Al Basrah. In addition, a ZSU-23/4 self-propelled antiaircraft battery, an antitank battery, and at least one UAZ-69 antitank guided missile battery were deployed on the north bank of the Shatt Al Arab between Al Basra and the Iran/Iraq border. A tank company is deployed 14 nm southeast of Al Basrah. 25X1
8. (S/D) In the Al Faw area [] artillery batteries were deployed 2.3 nm south and 3 nm west of Al Faw Crude Petroleum Storage [] Extensive wheeled/track activity and numerous defensive positions/revetments were observed (some still under construction) on the road between Al Faw and Al Basrah. 25X1
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9. (S/D) At Al Musayyib Barracks Depot and Brigade Headquarters [] three tank battalions minus, one mechanized infantry battalion minus, a 130mm field gun M-46 battalion, a 122mm self-propelled howitzer M-1974 battalion, and the supply and transport battalion had departed the garrison [] 25X1
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10. (S/D) At Ar Ramadi Barracks Area [] one tank battalion, possibly three mechanized infantry battalions, one air defense battalion, a supply and transport battalion, and the maintenance battalion had departed the garrison [] The 122mm self-propelled howitzer battalion M-1973 and 130mm M-46 battalion garrisoned here were not seen but may be in the vehicle storage sheds. 25X1
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11. (S/D) At Tikrit Barracks Division And Brigade Headquarters Albu Ali Ar D [] one 130mm M-46 field artillery battalion was out of garrison on 19 September. 25X1
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12. (S/D) At Tikrit Barracks Division And Brigade Headquarters Albu Ali [] two tank battalions and one mechanized infantry battalion minus were out of garrison [] A convoy of 33 transporters carrying unidentified armored vehicles was parked along a road, facing the installation, approximately 3 nm north of the installation. One combined-arms mechanized infantry company (14 BMP armored personnel carriers—APCs, nine tanks, three ZSU-23/4, one BTR 60 APC, and two BRDM armored cars) was in garrison. 25X1
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13. (S/D) At Tikrit Training/Maneuver Area A 826 [] three tank battalions, one mechanized infantry battalion, and one probable 130mm M-46 field gun battalion were involved in a field training exercise [] An additional 130mm M-46 field gun battalion, in convoy, was approaching from the west along a road 8 nm north of this area. Five additional 130mm M-46 field guns were in battery formation near the convoy. 25X1
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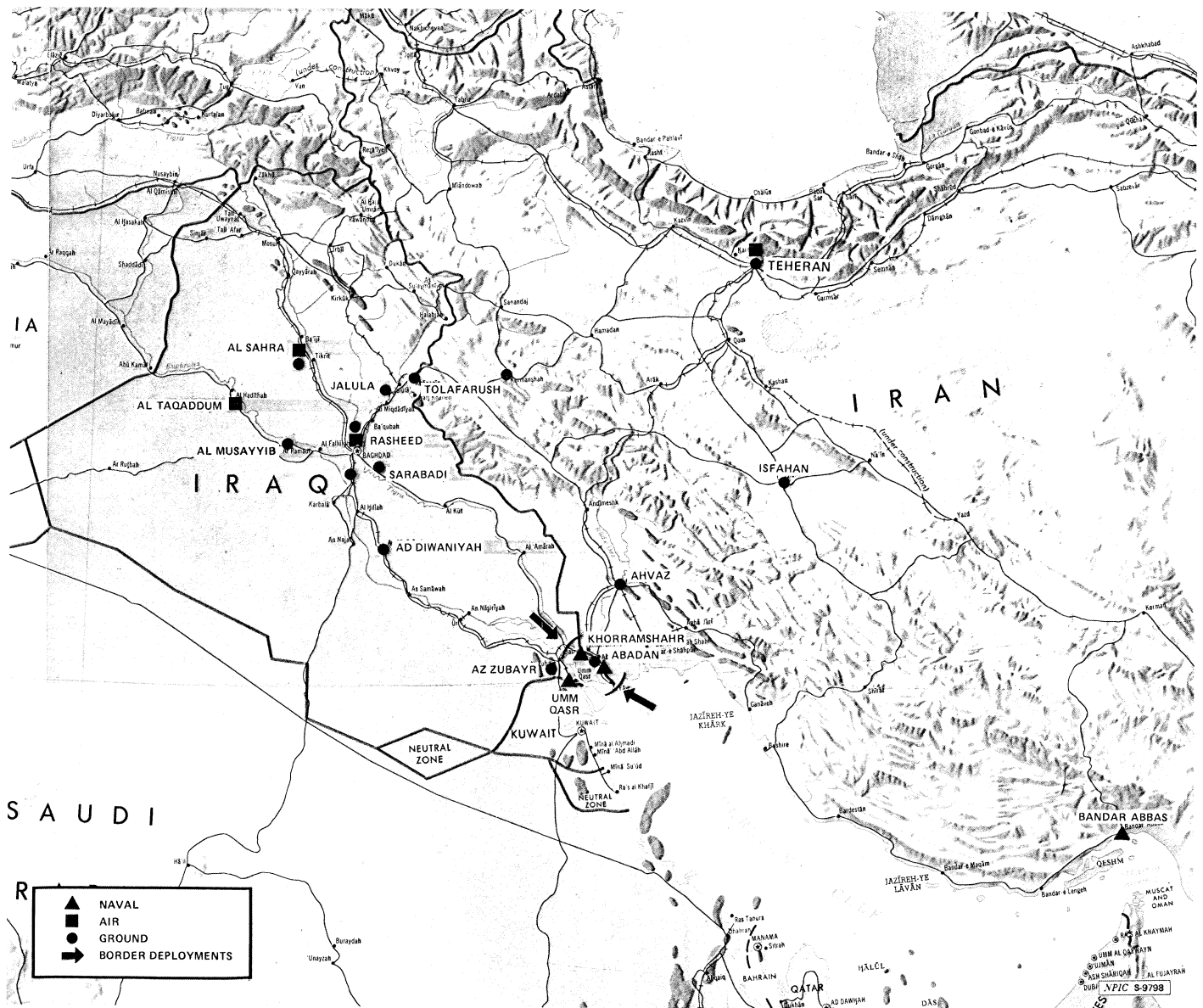


FIGURE 1. IRAQ/IRAN MILITARY ACTIVITY

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14. (S/D) At Baghdad Barracks School Corps Brigade Headquarters Depot Rashd [] 25X1
one tank battalion may have departed the garrison [] No equipment was observed in the 25X1
battalion area. However, since equipment from this battalion is usually in sheds, departure cannot be
confirmed.
15. (S/D) At Baghdad Barracks Division Brigade Headquarters Depot School Taji [] 25X1
two armored brigades, consisting of six tank battalions, two mechanized infantry battalions, and three
artillery battalions, one SA-6 regiment; major elements of three heavy-lift transport battalions; and an SA-
9 battalion were out of garrison [] 25X1
16. (S/D) At Ad Divaniyah Barracks Division and Brigade Headquarters [] elements 25X1
of a third mechanized infantry battalion were out of garrison [] 25X1
17. (S/D) At Az Zubayr Barracks and Brigade Headquarters Southwest [] the SA-6 25X1
regiment was out of garrison [] elements of the supply and transport 25X1
battalion, elements of the reconnaissance battalion, and one tank battalion were out of garrison. [] 25X1
[] elements of a second tank battalion might have been out of garrison. Eight tanks were still observed 25X1
in the battalion area.
18. (S/D) At Sarabadi Barracks and Brigade Headquarters [] one company of one 25X1
tank battalion, two companies of another tank battalion, one company of the mechanized infantry battal-
ion, major elements of the heavy-lift battalion, and the 130mm M-46 field gun battalion were out of
garrison [] A large concentration of vehicles was parked adjacent to the installation and 25X1
one tank battalion was parked in open storage with four heavy-lift transporters present.

Air Activity

19. (S/D) There were three frames of imagery over four tactical and civil airfields in Iraq. At Al 25X1
Sahra Airfield [] three CANDID aircraft were observed [] In addition, the 25X1
L-39 and MAYA aircraft trainers, normally deployed at this airfield, were dispersed.
20. (S/D) At Al Taqaddum Airfield [] the main concrete runway 25X1
and the asphalt runway had been cratered. The parallel concrete runway was operational with only runway
shoulder damage apparent. Backfilling of craters on the main runway was underway. Nine BLINDER, six
BADGER, 19 FLOGGER, eight FITTER, and 11 FISHBED aircraft were observed [] 25X1
Ground service vehicles were near all of the BLINDER, five of the BADGER, six of the FITTER, and
four of the FISHBED.
21. (S/D) At Rasheed Airfield [] the majority of the aircraft were dispersed [] 25X1
[] many were canvas/net covered. At least seven FLOGGER and 26 FISHBED were present. 25X1
Normally, 55 to 70 FISHBED have been seen at this airfield. No HIND helicopters were at this airfield.
22. (S/D) At Baghdad/Muthenna Airfield [] four HIND were present [] 25X1
[] HIND are not normally seen at this airfield. 25X1

Naval Activity

23. (S/D) One frame of imagery was acquired of Iraqi Ports and Naval Facilities.
24. (S/D) At Umm Qasr Naval Base [] one Osa had departed the 25X1
base and two Osa were dispersed to positions north of the base.
25. (S/D) At Umm Qasr Port Facilities [] eight SA-2 launchers, 19 unidentified 25X1
APCs on flatcars, and eight SA-3 four-rail launchers on flatcars were observed in the transshipment area 25X1
[]

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26. (S/D) Iranian military deployments were observed along the Iran/Iraq border along the Shatt Al 25X1
Arab from 30-30-35N 048-29-20E, south-southeast of Khosrowabad, to 30-30-10N 048-02-25E, northwest
of Khorramshahr. [] two trucks and six tents were positioned at 30-03-35N 25X1
048-29-20E; a field artillery (FA) battery was at 30-16-40N 048-29-35E; a multiple rocket launcher (MRL)
battery and 29 trucks were deployed at 30-16-20N 048-22-07E; elements of a tank company and a mecha-
nized infantry company were deployed at 30-29-47N 048-05-08E; and a BMP APC platoon and three
heavy trailers were at 30-30-10N 048-29-20E. In addition, 15 possible APCs and 20 trucks were on flatcars 25X1
at Khorramshahr Railroad Yard North []
27. (S/D) Increased military activity has also been observed at four barracks areas in southwest and 25X1
central Iran. At Kermanshah Barracks Depot Division and Brigade Headquarters [] two 25X1
batteries of M109 A1 self-propelled guns (SPGs) had vacated the installation [] 25X1
[] elements of the motor transport unit had moved out of their normal parking pattern and appeared 25X1
to be assembling.

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- 28. (S/D) Eight BM-21 rocket launchers, six M-46 FA guns, and 40 ZU-23 anti-aircraft artillery (AAA) guns had departed from Esfahan Barracks Artillery Training Center and Brigade Headquarters [redacted] over 20 FA pieces were in a tow configuration behind prime movers and several small convoys had been formed. In addition, a large crowd had gathered outside the north gate of the installation. 25X1
- 29. (S/D) Sixty-two tanks and 25 M-109 A1 SPGs were at Ahvaz Barracks Storage Depot Brigade and Division Headquarters [redacted] This represents a decrease of 44 tanks and 14 M-109 A1 SPGs [redacted] Six tanks, six M110 self-propelled howitzers, six unidentified tracked vehicles, and 13 trucks were on flatcars at Ahvaz Railroad Station Yards and Shops [redacted] 25X1
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- 30. (S/D) A battalion of M-107 SPGs; a battery of M-46 FA guns; and one battalion of ZU-23 AAA, plus elements of a second, have departed from Tehran Barracks and Artillery Brigade Headquarters Jai [redacted] An MRL battalion vacated the installation [redacted] 25X1
25X1
- 31. (S/D) [redacted] partial coverage of Tehran Army Barracks and Military University Farahabad [redacted] revealed that at least one tank company, ten M-46 FA guns, and six howitzers had departed [redacted] Five probable howitzers were in a tow configuration. 25X1
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- 32. (S/D) [redacted] several thousand demonstrators filled Kheyaban-E Shahreza street in Tehran from Kheyaban-E Si Metri east to Kheyaban-E Shahbaz. 25X1
- 33. (S/D) Increased Iranian naval activity has also been observed. [redacted] a probable MK-III patrol boat (PB) was dead-in-the-water and on fire in the Shatt Al Arab River. The PB was perpendicular to the river bank in mid-channel at 30-19-45N 048-12-40E, approximately 4 nm west of Abadan Port Facilities [redacted] Iran. Heavy smoke was emanating from the aft portion of the craft. The PB was not present on subsequent [redacted] Two MK-III were in port at Khorramshahr Naval Base Repair and Storage Facility [redacted] on both coverages. 25X1
25X1
- 34. (S/D) At Bandar Abbas Port Facilities Suru [redacted] two Vosper MK-5 (SAAM) guided missile frigates, one PGM-71 PB, two MK-III PB, two river/roadstead patrol boats, one Hengham tank landing ship, two Bandar Abbas small replenishment oilers, and one Kangan water carrier departed [redacted] No evidence of hostilities were observed at or near these port facilities. 25X1
- 35. (S/D) Evidence of hostilities was, however, apparent at Tehran/Mehrabad International Airfield [redacted] One probable 707 aircraft had been destroyed on the military parking apron. Three craters were near the south edge of the south runway, debris and three vehicles were near the center of the north runway, and debris was near a hangar at the south edge of the military parking apron. A normal complement of combat aircraft was observed, including 25 F-4 (three on the east alert apron), two F-4 fuselage, 16 F-5, two 747 tankers, at least six 707 tankers, 19 C-130s, one C-130 fuselage, and four CH-47. 25X1

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