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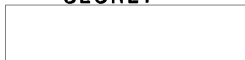
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1. (S/D) This report updates NPIC Report Z-20045/80¹ and reflects changes in Soviet ground forces deployment in Afghanistan since  This information was derived from satellite imagery acquired through  25X1
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1. NPIC. Z-20045/80, IAR-0157/80, *Deployment of Soviet Ground Forces in Afghanistan and in the Turkestan Military District, USSR, as of*  Jul 80 (SECRET ) 25X1

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Table 1.
Locations of Soviet Ground Forces in Afghanistan and in the Turkestan
Military District, USSR, as of [redacted]
(Items keyed to Figure 1)

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Item	Location/BE No	Units Present	Remarks and Changes Since	Item	Location/BE No	Units Present	Remarks and Changes Since
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	None None	13	Bagram Airfield [redacted]	1 antitank battalion 1 howitzer battalion 1 multiple rocket launcher battalion	since January 80 but not listed in July ground forces update None
2	Ashkhabad Army Bks AL-1/ SAM Support [redacted]	1 tank regiment 1 artillery regiment 1 heavy-lift unit 1 SA-4 brigade	No tanks observed, possibly in garrison No howitzers observed, possibly in garrison None SA-4 brigade returned from Afghanistan 1 100mm antitank battalion and elements of artillery brigade (2 artillery regiments) out of garrison	14	Chagasary (Chaghasaray) Complex [redacted]	1 motorized rifle battalion	None
				15	Jalalabad Airfield [redacted]	Elements of motorized rifle battalion Elements of airborne battalion	None None
				16	Jalalabad Soviet Bivouac 3 [redacted]	1 motorized rifle regiment Elements of airborne battalion	MRR and elements of airborne battalion left previous bivouac, SW of Jalalabad Airfield, between [redacted] and were observed at current position SE of airfield on [redacted]
Kushka/Takhta Bazar Area							
3	Kushka Army Barracks AL-1 [redacted]	1 T-62-equipped tank regiment 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 None Newly observed since April	17	Ghazni Soviet Military Camp SE [redacted]	1 motorized rifle regiment	None
4	Takhta Bazar Army Barracks AL-1 [redacted]	1 BTR-60PB-equipped motorized rifle regiment	None	Northeast Afghanistan			
5	Iolotan Army Barracks AL-1 [redacted]	1 BTR-60PB-equipped motorized rifle regiment 2 FROG-3/5 battalions	None 1 battalion newly deployed	18	Pol-E Khomri Soviet Deployed Area [redacted]	Command post 1 motorized rifle regiment 1 motor transport regiment	None None None
Termez Area				19	Kunduz (Qonduz) Airfield [redacted]	Command post 1 motorized rifle regiment 2 airborne battalions 1 airborne artillery battalion 1 multiple rocket launcher battery 1 chemical defense battalion 1 antiaircraft artillery battalion	None None None None None None
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 Darya	20	Kunduz Deployment Area North [redacted]	Elements of motorized rifle regiment Elements of artillery regiment	Not imaged; previously reported under [redacted]
7	Termez Army Barracks AL-3 [redacted]	1 motorized rifle regiment (cadre strength) 1 antiaircraft artillery regiment	None None	21	Nahrin Bks Div Regt A Bn Hq [redacted]	1 motorized rifle battalion	None
8	Shaartuz/Khodashi Search Area [redacted]	Roadway bridge	Across Amu Darya	22	Faizabad (Feyzabad) Airfield [redacted]	2 motorized rifle battalions	None
9	Samarkand Tng Area WSW 1/Tank School [redacted]	1 tank regiment	Returned from Afghanistan	23	Eshkeshem Search Area Afghan A474 [redacted]	1 motorized rifle battalion	None
10	Kurgancha SSM Launch Position 5 [redacted]	Elements of artillery brigade Elements of heavy artillery brigade	Newly deployed	Western and Southern Afghanistan			
11	Kurgancha MRBM Launch Site 3 [redacted]	Elements of FROG-7 battalion Elements of FROG-3/5 battalion	Newly deployed	24	Herat Soviet Deployment Area [redacted]	1 motorized rifle regiment	None
SOVIET GROUND UNITS IN AFGHANISTAN				25	Shindand Deployment Area [redacted]	Command post 1 motorized rifle regiment 1 tank regiment 1 artillery regiment Elements of 1 multiple rocket launcher battalion 1 multiple rocket launcher regiment 1 airborne battalion 1 construction battalion 3 motor transport units	None None None None None None None None
Kabul and Konar Valley Area							
		Elements of 2 motorized rifle divisions 1 airborne division					
12	Kabul Complex [redacted]	Command post 2 motorized rifle regiments 1 artillery regiment 1 antiaircraft artillery regiment 2 airborne regiments 1 assault gun battalion	None None None None None These units present	26	Kandahar (Qandahar) Soviet MRR Bivouac [redacted]	Elements of air defense regiment 1 chemical defense battalion 1 motorized rifle regiment Elements of air defense regiment 2 airborne battalions	These units present since April 80 but not listed in July ground forces update Previously reported in air and SAM update None None Previously reported in air and SAM update None

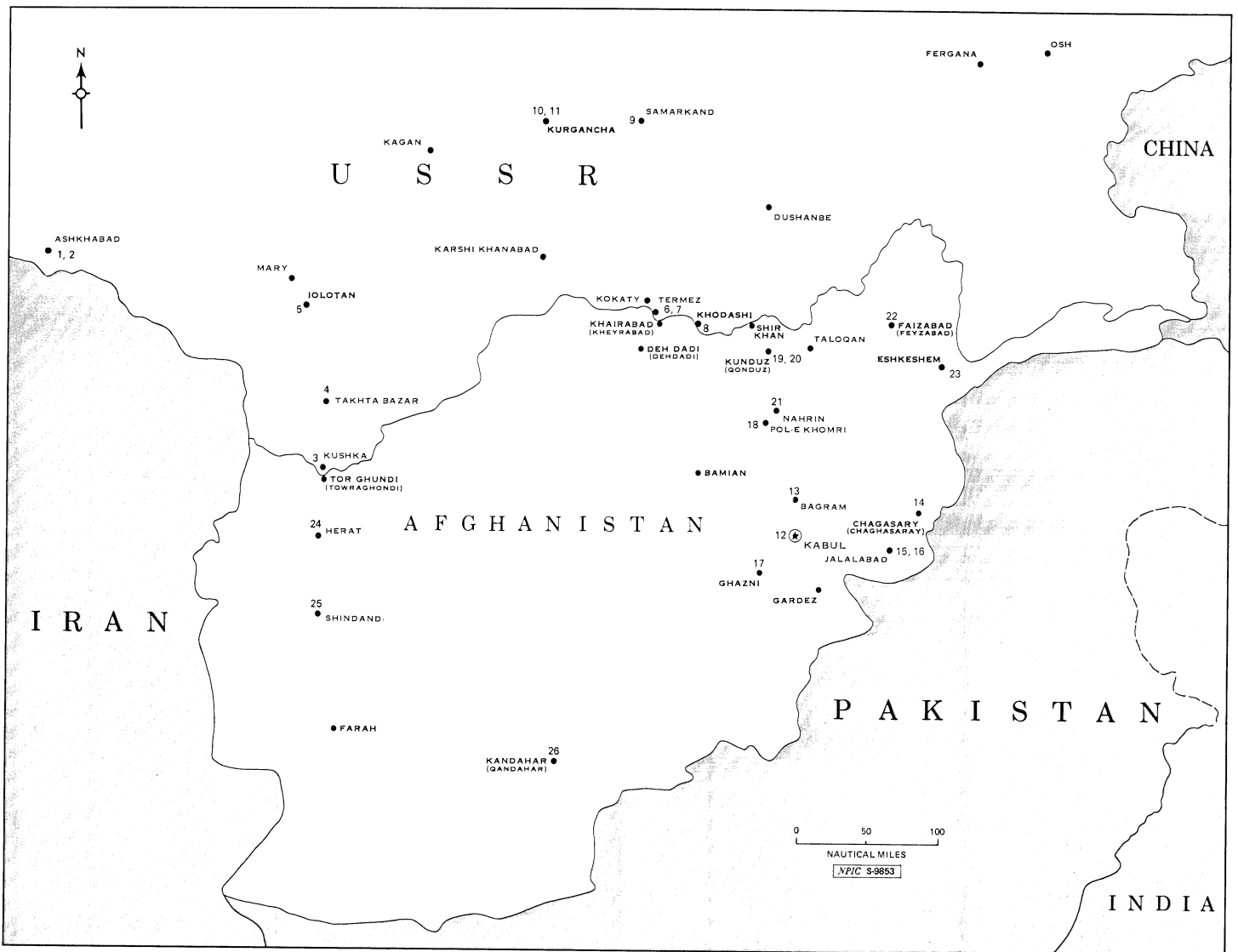


FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF SOVIET GROUND FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN AND IN THE TURKESTAN MILITARY DISTRICT, USSR, AS OF [REDACTED]

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