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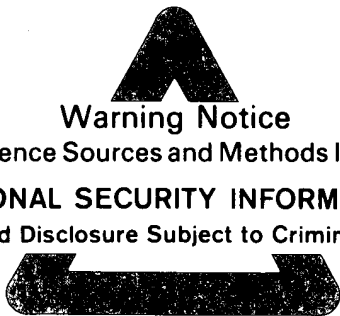
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IRAQ-IRAN CONFLICT  
AL BASRAH AREA, IRAQ

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: THE FORWARD EDGE OF THE BATTLE AREA (FEBA) REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM [REDACTED] AND THE LULL IN MAJOR FIGHTING CONTINUES. IRANIAN ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENTS AND IRAQI REPOSITIONING OF ARMORED UNITS ARE OBSERVED. CONTINUED IRANIAN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THEIR LOGISTICS IN THE AREA AND CONTINUED IRAQI CONSTRUCTION OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ARE EVIDENT. 25X1

2. (S/D) REMARKS: IRANIAN ARMORED RESERVES, INCLUDING MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AT LEAST ONE ARMORED BRIGADE, REMAIN IN THEIR ASSEMBLY AREAS IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE FRONT. ONE SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY BATTALION IS NEWLY DEPLOYED IN THE VICINITY OF 30-46N 048-05E SINCE [REDACTED] ON THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE FRONT THE IRANIANS HAVE EXTENDED A FRONT-LINE BERM APPROXIMATELY 1 KM FURTHER TO THE WEST IN THE VICINITY OF 31-04 047-42E SINCE [REDACTED] THE IRAQIS HAVE SHELLED THIS AREA SINCE [REDACTED] AND AT LEAST TEN ARTILLERY IMPACT CRATERS ARE OBSERVED. IRANIAN CONSTRUCTION ON THE AHVAZ TO KHORRAMSHAHR RAIL LINE AND ON THE NEW RAILYARD CONTINUES. AT LEAST THREE OF THE FOUR RAIL LINES IN THE NEW RAILYARD ARE NOW OPERATIONAL AND APPROXIMATELY 60 RAILCARS ARE PRESENT. CONSTRUCTION ON A FIFTH TRACK IN THE RAILYARD HAS STARTED SINCE [REDACTED] THE MAIN RAIL LINE FURTHER TO THE SOUTH IS NOW OPERATIONAL AS FAR AS 30-46N 048-11E, WHERE A TRACK LAYER IS PRESENT. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE EXTENT OF FLOODING IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE FRONT IS EVIDENT SINCE THE COMPLETION OF THE IRANIAN DITCH DESIGNED TO DRAIN THIS AREA. 25X1

(S/D) MAJOR ELEMENTS OF ONE IRAQI ARMORED BRIGADE ARE NEWLY DEPLOYED ALONG THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE FRONT IN THE VICINITY OF 30-56N 047-59E SINCE [REDACTED] ONE PROBABLE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION IS NEWLY DEPLOYED IN THE FRONTLINE AND ONE PROBABLE ARMORED BATTALION IS NEWLY DEPLOYED IN THE STRONGPOINT LINE. MAJOR ELEMENTS OF A THIRD BATTALION ARE IN CONVOY IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE FRONT AND ARE HEADING NORTH. THESE REDEPLOYMENTS COULD BE IN RESPONSE TO IRANIAN BERM CONSTRUCTION ALONG THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE FRONT SINCE [REDACTED] 25X1

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MAJOR ELEMENTS OF TWO IRAQI RESERVE ARMORED BRIGADES REMAIN IN THEIR ASSEMBLY AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF 30-43N 047-46E. IRAQI CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL DEFENSIVE POSITIONS CONTINUES. IN PARTICULAR, RAPID CONSTRUCTION OF A NUMBER OF INFANTRY STRONGPOINTS IN THE VICINITY OF 30-38N 047-56E IS EVIDENT. BLOWING SAND AND HAZE OVER THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE FRONTLINE PRECLUDE A COMPLETE ASSESSMENT OF THE IRAQI FORCES.

3. BE N/A, COORDINATES N/A

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