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**MILITARY ACTIVITY**TRIPOLI, **LEBANON**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** GIANT REACH IMAGERY OF [ ] OFFERED A  
SYNOPTIC VIEW OF THE ENTIRE TRIPOLI (TARABULUS) AREA IN  
NORTHERN LEBANON (GRAPHIC 1). IT HAS ALLOWED AN ANALYSIS OF  
PRO-ARAFAT PLO FORCES, ANTI-ARAFAT PLO FORCES, SYRIAN FORCES,  
AND DAMAGE TO THE CITY AND ITS ENVIRONS. [ ]

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2. **REMARKS:** PRO-ARAFAT FORCES OCCUPIED TRIPOLI AND AL BADDAWI  
REFUGEE CAMP ON THE NORTHEAST EDGE OF THE CITY; ANTI-ARAFAT  
FORCES, SUPPORTED BY SYRIAN ARTILLERY, SURROUNDED THE CITY;  
AND EXTENSIVE DAMAGE WAS OBSERVED IN AND AROUND THE CITY.  
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**PRO-ARAFAT PLO FORCES**

ON [ ] PRO-ARAFAT INFANTRY FORCES OCCUPIED NUMEROUS  
DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ALONG A DEFENSIVE PERIMETER WHICH RAN  
AROUND THE EDGE OF TRIPOLI AND AL BADDAWI REFUGEE CAMP. THESE  
POSITIONS CONSISTED OF TRENCHES, BERMS, BUNKERS, AND REVETTED  
MORTAR POSITIONS. SEVERAL OF THE POSITIONS WERE CONCENTRATED  
IN AL BADDAWI REFUGEE CAMP (GRAPHIC 2). THESE FORCES ALSO  
CONTROLLED SEVERAL CHECKPOINTS ON THE MAJOR ROADS INTO THE  
CITY. IN ADDITION, AN APPROXIMATELY 1,200-METER, DIRT  
AIRSTRIPE HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED ON THE NORTHEAST EDGE OF AL  
BADDAWI REFUGEE CAMP SINCE [ ]

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**ANTI-ARAFAT PLO FORCES**

ANTI-ARAFAT FORCES OCCUPIED POSITIONS WITHIN 500 METERS OF THE  
PRO-ARAFAT DEFENSIVE PERIMETER, AND HAD CONSTRUCTED SEVERAL  
STRONG POINTS ALONG THE HEIGHTS OVERLOOKING TRIPOLI ON AN  
ARCHED LINE FROM 34-25-00N 035-49-00E ON THE SOUTHWEST EDGE OF  
THE CITY, TO TARABULUS PETROLEUM REFINERY TRIPOLI IPC  
[ ] ON THE NORTHEAST EDGE OF THE CITY. ONE SUCH  
STRONG POINT, APPROXIMATELY 650 METERS SOUTHEAST OF THE  
DEFENSIVE PERIMETER, CONSISTED OF AT LEAST SIX CANVAS-COVERED,

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REVERTED, PROBABLE MORTAR POSITIONS (GRAPHIC 3). IN ADDITION, AT LEAST TWO TANK PLATOONS (SIX PROBABLE T-54/55 MEDIUM TANKS) WERE IN POSITIONS OVERLOOKING TRIPOLI (NOT ON GRAPHIC).

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SYRIAN FORCES

ONE SYRIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION (EIGHTEEN 130MM FIELD GUNS M-46) AND ONE SYRIAN MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER (MRL) BATTALION (EIGHTEEN 122MM MRL BM-21) WERE DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF ANTI-ARAFAT FORCES IN POSITIONS 3 TO 6 NM SOUTH OF TRIPOLI. THESE BATTALIONS HAD REORIENTED THEIR FIRING DIRECTION FROM THE SOUTH TO THE NORTH SINCE [REDACTED] THE ARTILLERY HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ORIENTED SOUTH, TOWARD LEBANESE CHRISTIAN POSITIONS NORTH OF BEIRUT. ONE FIELD GUN BATTERY WAS 6 NM SOUTH OF TRIPOLI AT 34-19-00N 035-45-50E (GRAPHIC 4); AND ONE MRL SECTION WAS 5.8 NM SOUTH OF TRIPOLI AT 34-19-20N 035-47-10E (GRAPHIC 5).

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DAMAGE IN THE TRIPOLI AREA

WITHIN THE CITY, EXTENSIVE DAMAGE WAS OBSERVED AT TARABULUS PORT FACILITIES ([REDACTED] AND TARABULUS PETROLEUM REFINERY TRIPOLI IPC. AT THE PORT, TWO WAREHOUSES HAD BEEN DESTROYED, SEVERAL WAREHOUSES DAMAGED, AND A FREIGHTER SUNK SINCE [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 6). AT THE REFINERY, ONE POL STORAGE TANK WAS BURNING AND AT LEAST 21 OF THE APPROXIMATELY 33 POL STORAGE TANKS HAD BEEN DESTROYED (GRAPHIC 7).

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3. BE NONE, COORDINATES 34-26-00N 035-51-00E (S)

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