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AL BASRAH BATTLE AREA
IRAQ-IRAN BORDER

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: HOSTILITIES CONTINUE IN THE BATTLE AREA NORTH OF AL BASRAH. IRAQI FORCES ARE TACTICALLY WITHDRAWING FROM THE AREA NORTH OF THE CANAL SINCE [REDACTED] A NEW IRANIAN HAWK SITE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE IRANIAN REAR AREA NORTH OF AL BASRAH. IRANIAN FORCES ARE CONTINUING CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TACTICAL BRIDGE ACROSS THE HAWR AL HAWIZAH (MARSH). (SWN)

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2. REMARKS:

IRAQI FORCES --

IRAQI FORCES ARE IN THE PROCESS OF TACTICALLY WITHDRAWING FROM THE AREA IN THE VICINITY OF 31-C2N 047-49E SINCE [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 1). ELEMENTS OF ONE ARMORED BRIGADE (BDE), ENGAGED IN HEAVY FIGHTING ON [REDACTED] HAVE REPOSITIONED APPROXIMATELY 2 NM SOUTH ACROSS THE EAST/WEST CANAL. ELEMENTS OF A TANK PLATOON, NUMEROUS INFANTRY UNITS, A HEAVY-LIFT UNIT CONSISTING OF THREE HEAVY-LIFT TRAILERS (ONE WITH AN ARMORED VEHICLE ONLOADING), AND NUMEROUS TRUCKS/BUSES REMAIN IN THE AREA. ONE IRAQI ARMOR BATTALION AND FIVE HEAVY-LIFT TRAILERS ARE DEPLOYED SOUTH OF THE EAST/WEST ALIGNED LEVEE OF THE CANAL IN THE VICINITY OF 31-00N 047-45E. ADDITIONAL FORCES, INCLUDING AT LEAST TWO IRAQI ARMOR BDE, HAVE REPOSITIONED AND ARE IN A DEFENSIVE LINE RUNNING GENERALLY FROM 30-59N 047-35E TO 30-59N 047-58E. (SWN)

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IRANIAN FORCES --

AT LEAST ONE TANK COMPANY IS DEPLOYED ALONG PERMS ON THE WEST BANK OF THE CANAL OPPOSING THE IRAQI WITHDRAWAL. IRANIAN INFANTRY UNITS MAY BE MOVING ACROSS THE NORTHERN LEVEE, AND AT LEAST TWO ARMOR COMPANIES REMAIN IN THE VICINITY OF 31-02N 047-49E. THE AREA OF THE HEAVIEST IRANIAN ARMOR CONCENTRATION ON [REDACTED] IS NOT IMAGED. (SWN)

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AN INTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION EFFORT IS IN PROGRESS ON A NEW IRANIAN HAWK SITE AT 31-08N 047-54E (GRAPHIC 2). THE HAWK SITE INCLUDES SIX LAUNCH POSITIONS AND A CENTRAL GUIDANCE AREA IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. ON [] ONLY A PERIMETER BERM WAS EVIDENT. (SWN)

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CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW TACTICAL BRIDGE ACROSS THE HAWR AL HAWIZAH (MARSH) CONTINUES. THE BRIDGE NOW EXTENDS WEST TO A POINT IN THE MARSH NEAR 31-09N 047-47E. IF CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON THE PRESENT AZIMUTH, THE BRIDGE WILL PROBABLY MEET AN IRANIAN-CONTROLLED PENINSULA NEAR 31-08N 047-43E. AT LEAST 16 RECENT BOMB CRATERS ARE IN THE PENINSULA AREA. AT LEAST 30 SMALL CRAFT/BOATS ARE 1 NM NORTH OF THE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION SITE. THE ROAD LEADING TO THE BRIDGE SITE IS BEING IMPROVED AND BERMED. (SWN)

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