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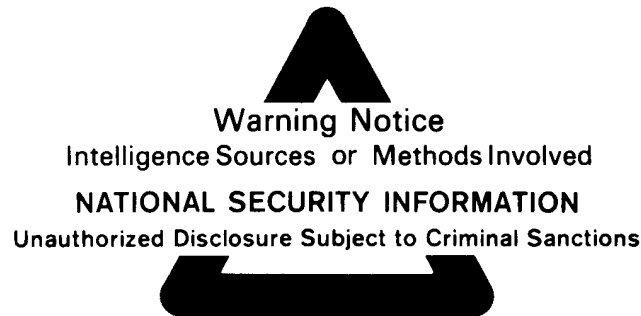
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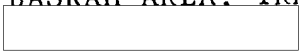
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SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY
AL BASRAH AREA, IRAQ



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1. SIGNIFICANCE: RELATED MILITARY ACTIVITY ASSOCIATED WITH IRANIAN AND IRAQI TROOP DISPOSITIONS IN THE AL BASRAH AREA WAS OBSERVED  (SWN)

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2. REMARKS: SIGNIFICANT IRANIAN ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN THE AL BASRAH AREA INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HAWK SITE IN THE IRANIAN REAR AREA (GRAPHIC 1). IRANIAN FORCES CONTINUED TO REINFORCE AND RESUPPLY THE NORTHERN MAJNOON ISLAND AND REAR AREAS EAST OF THE MAJNOON ISLANDS. (SWN)

SIGNIFICANT IRAQI ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN THIS AREA INCLUDED AN IRAQI AIR STRIKE ON THE NORTHERN MAJNOON ISLAND, A NEWLY DEPLOYED IRAQI SA-2 SITE, THREE CAUSEWAYS UNDER CONSTRUCTION WEST OF THE MAJNOON ISLANDS, A NEW HELIPORT IN THE VICINITY OF ASH SHUWAYYIB, AND A NEWLY IDENTIFIED FROG-7 BRIGADE NORTHWEST OF AL BASRAH (GRAPHIC 1). (SWN)

IRANIAN AIR DEFENSE WAS STRENGTHENED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HAWK SITE 12 NM NORTH OF THE EASTERN TERMINUS OF THE IRANIAN PONTON BRIDGE (GRAPHIC 2). THIS NEW SITE IS THE FOURTH IRANIAN HAWK SITE (TWO OCCUPIED) IN THE AL BASRAH AREA. (SWN)

EVIDENCE OF IRAQI AIR STRIKES WAS OBSERVED BY THE PRESENCE OF NUMEROUS BOMB CRATERS IN THE MARSH NEAR THE PONTON BRIDGE AND ON THE NORTHERN MAJNOON ISLAND. ONE IRAQI BLINDER BOMBER WAS OBSERVED IN FLIGHT NEAR THE SOUTHERN MAJNOON ISLAND MAKING A BOMBING RUN, AND BOMB EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED NEAR THE CENTER OF THE NORTHERN MAJNOON ISLAND (GRAPHIC 3). AIR DEFENSES WERE STRENGTHENED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW OCCUPIED SA-2 SITE, 6 NM NORTH OF THE CONFLUENCE OF THE TIGRIS AND EUPHRATES RIVERS AT APPROXIMATELY 31-06-30N 047-26-10E

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(GRAPHIC 4). THE IRAQIS WERE CONSTRUCTING THREE NEW CAUSEWAYS TO CONNECT THE IRAQI MAINLAND TO THE ISLAND. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WAS EVIDENT ON THE SOUTHERNMOST CAUSEWAY (GRAPHIC 5). AN IRAQI HELIPORT (15 HELIPADS) WAS NEWLY CONSTRUCTED NORTHWEST OF AL BASRAH NEAR THE CONFLUENCE OF THE TIGRIS AND EUPHRATES RIVERS. IT WAS OCCUPIED BY TWO HIP C AND TWO HIND HELICOPTERS (GRAPHIC 6). A FROG-7 BRIGADE WAS NEWLY IDENTIFIED NORTH OF AL BASRAH AND WEST OF THE SHATT AL ARAB (ONE BATTALION NOT ON GRAPHIC) (GRAPHIC 7). AN ENTIRE IRAQI FROG BRIGADE HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED DEPLOYED AT ONE LOCATION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE IRAN/IRAQ WAR. IRAQI AND IRANIAN TROOP DISPOSITIONS ARE ILLUSTRATED ON NPIC BRIEFING BOARD Z-17372-84. (SWN) (PERSIAN GULF SECTION) 

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