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INCREASED NAVAL ACTIVITY  
BANDAR ABBAS PORT FACILITIES SURU, IRAN



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1. SIGNIFICANCE: A POSSIBLE INCREASED THREAT TO THE STRAITS OF HORMUZ WAS POSED BY THE ARRIVAL OF ADDITIONAL NAVAL COMBATANTS TO BANDAR ABBAS. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: ONE IRANIAN LA COMBATTANTE IIB (KAMAN) PTG AND ONE PF 103 FFL WERE DEPLOYED AT BANDAR ABBAS PORT FACILITIES SURU [REDACTED] THE PF 103 FFL ARRIVED IN PORT [REDACTED] AND THE LA COMBATTANTE IIB (KAMAN) PTG WAS OBSERVED IN THE ROADSTEAD [REDACTED] THESE SHIPS ARE NOT NORMALLY AT THIS FACILITY AND MAY HAVE DEPLOYED FROM BUSHEHR NAVAL BASE [REDACTED] FOR OPERATIONS WITHIN THE STRAITS OF HORMUZ. THE RE-LOCATION OF THESE NAVAL COMBATANTS TO THIS MAJOR PORT FACILITY COULD INDICATE IRANIAN CONCERN OVER OTHER NAVAL FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA OR POSSIBLY TO CARRY OUT STATED THREATS TO CLOSE THE STRAITS OF HORMUZ TO COMMERCIAL SHIPPING. OTHER NAVAL COMBATANTS (NOT ANNOTATED) OBSERVED AT THIS PORT INCLUDED TWO SUMNER DDG, THREE VOSPER FFV, TWO HENGHAM LST, ONE KANGAN AWT, AND AT LEAST THREE PATROL BOATS. (SWN)

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ONE BATTLE DDG, ONE BANDAR ABBAS AORL AND NINE PATROL BOATS WERE ALSO IN PORT (NOT ON GRAPHIC). (SWN)

BANDAR ABBAS PORT FACILITIES SURU IS LOCATED IN SOUTHEAST IRAN AND IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE STRAITS OF HORMUZ. (SWN) [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 27-08-25N 056-12-20E (S)

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