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**LIMITED FIGHTER OPERATIONS
MATAN AS SARRA AIRFIELD, LIBYA**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** LIMITED FIGHTER OPERATIONS NOW EXIST AT THIS AIRFIELD IN SOUTHEAST LIBYA. (SWN)

2. **REMARKS:** ONE FLOGGER F FIGHTER-BOMBER AIRCRAFT, WITH WING-MOUNTED FUEL TANKS, HAS ARRIVED [REDACTED] AND IS PARKED ON THE PARTIALLY COMPLETED CROSSOVER LINK NEAR A HIND A ATTACK HELICOPTER. THIS IS THE FIRST SIGHTING OF JET FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AT THIS AIRFIELD WHICH IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION HIND HAVE BEEN HERE PREVIOUSLY. SUPPORT FACILITIES, NECESSARY FOR LIMITED FIGHTER OPERATIONS, ARE ALSO PRESENT. A SMALL TENT CAMP, NEXT TO THE CROSSOVER LINK, CONTAINS GROUND SUPPORT VEHICLES, FUEL TRUCKS, UTILITY VEHICLES, AND PROBABLE ORDNANCE CONTAINERS. THE TENT CAMP, FIRST OBSERVED ON 20 DECEMBER, WAS NOT PRESENT [REDACTED] WHEN A C-130/L-100 WAS PARKED NEARBY. THE PROBABLE ORDNANCE CONTAINERS HAVE ARRIVED SINCE [REDACTED]. A PROBABLE AIR-TO-GROUND COMMUNICATIONS SITE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS NORTH-NORTHEAST OF THE CROSSOVER [REDACTED] FOUR MAST-MOUNTED ANTENNAS, TWO GENERATOR VANS, AND A COMMAND VEHICLE ARE PRESENT. ARRESTING GEAR IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT EACH END OF THE RUNWAY. (SWN)

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MATAN AS SARRA AIRFIELD, 75 NM NORTH OF THE LIBYA-CHAD BORDER IN SOUTHEAST LIBYA, HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION SINCE FEBRUARY 1983 AND IS IN THE LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. RECENTLY, THE AIRFIELD HAS SUPPORTED SMALL NUMBERS OF LIGHT TACTICAL AIRCRAFT. (SWN)

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 21-41-25N 021-49-56E

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