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[Redacted] -- consisting of some 70,000 men in five infantry divisions -- have been contained in a five-mile strip along the Suez Canal's East Bank, and Israeli armor commands the rest of the Sinai.

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SUEZ CANAL FRONT

(S/NFD) The Egyptian forces on the East Bank are supported by two understrength mechanized divisions and two armored divisions as well as extensive artillery and SAM emplacements.

[Redacted] the Egyptians are continuing attempts to transfer tanks and supplies to the East Bank in the face of IAF strikes against Egyptian assault bridges still spanning the Canal.

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(U) In the Nile delta area, Israeli missile boats claim to have sunk three Egyptian OSA-class large guided-missile patrol boats without sustaining losses.

(S/NFD) In the air war, Israel admits the loss of seven aircraft to Egyptian SAM/AAA fire and claims up to 31 Egyptian



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Egyptian aircraft shot down. In addition, one of two Egyptian helicopters attempting to land troops near Ras-Sudar was shot down, while the other escaped and two Egyptian KOMAR guided-missile patrol boats were attacked in the Ras-Muhamed area of the Red Sea with undetermined results. MOD Rome reports that an Egyptian R-class submarine was hit in the Gulf of Suez and is currently en route to Port Sudan.

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SYRIAN FRONT/GOLAN HEIGHTS

(S/NFD) Israel states that between 60 and 70 IAF aircraft participated in the attacks on Syrian airfields, losing one plane to ground fire. Syrian losses were stated to be 37, 10 of which were destroyed on the ground and the remainder shot down.

(S/NFD) Syria reportedly received approximately 50 aircraft from Iraq -- including 30 SU-7/FITTERS and 21 MIG-21/FISHBEDS.

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speculates that Israel is emphasizing the hostile SAM threat in order to justify IDF armor attacks on Syrian positions.

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(U) Syrian counterattacks continued throughout the night but were repulsed by Israeli forces with IAF support. Shelling during the night included bombardment of HULATA

OTHER ARAB ACTIVITY

JORDAN

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(S) The Jordanian Transport Ministry is making two special flights available to evacuate tourists who are willing to pay the fare. No formal announcement of this plan was given to the US or British Embassies. Notice was passed to hotels normally catering to tourists.

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