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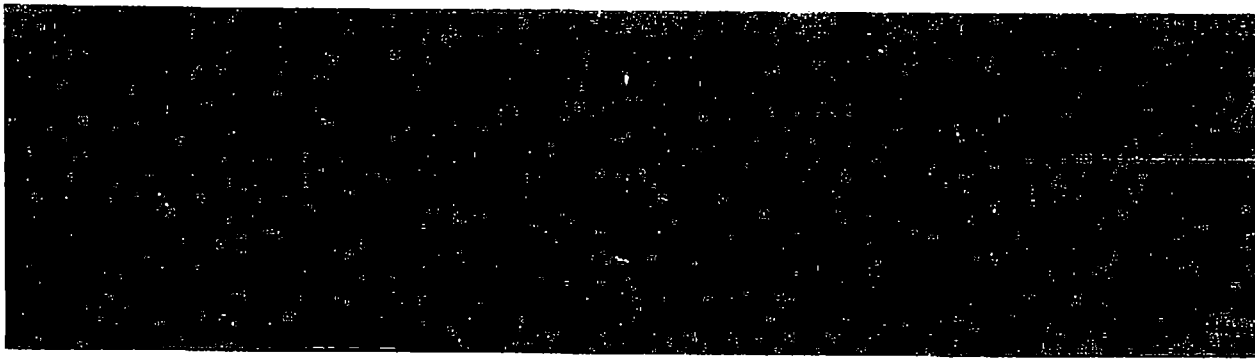
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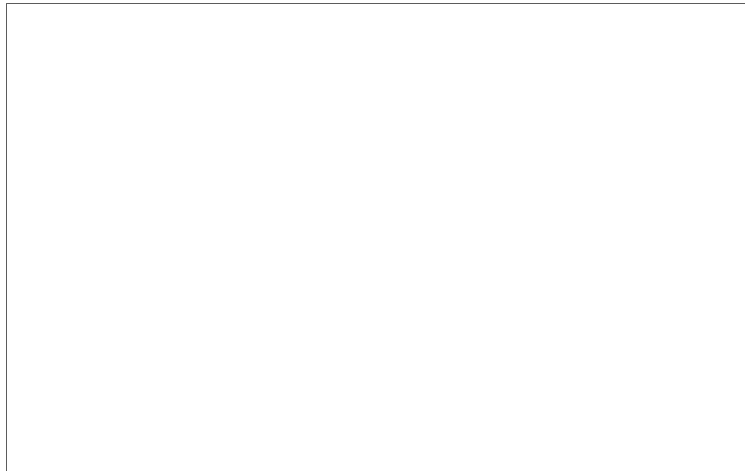


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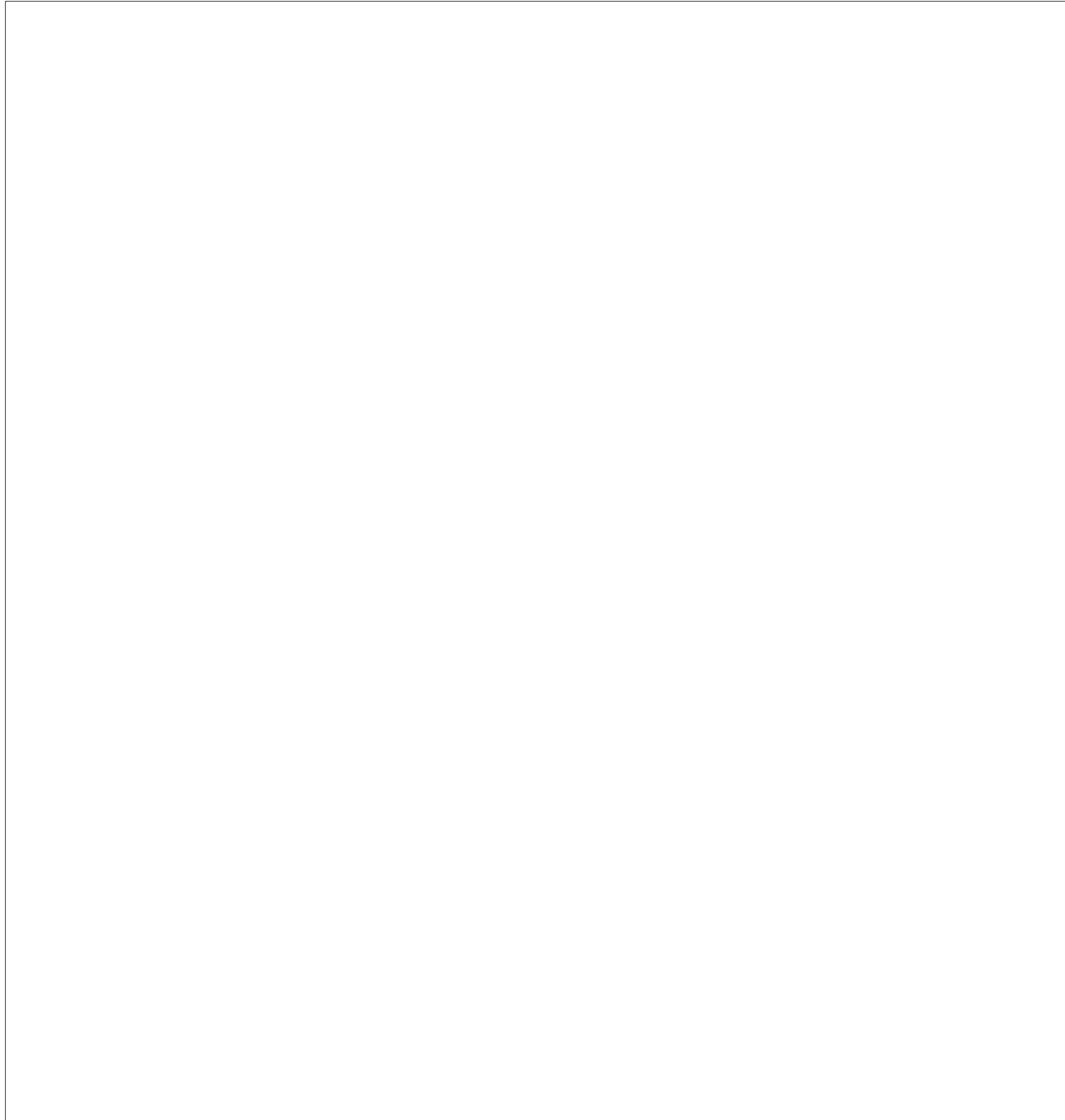
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Special Analysis

INDIA-PAKISTAN: Military Exercises

India and Pakistan are each deploying forces near their border for seasonal field maneuvers. There are no indications that these exercises are covers for attacks, but some Pakistani officials have expressed concern to US contacts over the unprecedented size of India's Brass Tacks IV exercise, which begins next month in Rajasthan.

[Redacted] *Smaller Pakistani exercises are taking place now opposite Rajasthan and in Kashmir, an especially sensitive border sector, but New Delhi appears unconcerned. The simultaneous maneuvers significantly reduce warning time for hostilities and increase the chances of an inadvertent incident.*

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India's Brass Tacks IV fits its Army's annual training cycle, which normally concludes in January and February with corps or multicorps exercises in Rajasthan. The exercise this year, however, is scheduled to involve about 150,000 men, one-half again as many as participated in 1983 and 1985. The increase may have been directed by the new Indian Chief of Staff, who, [Redacted] plans to challenge the conservative thinking of his senior officers. India's two armored divisions and one mechanized division will participate in the exercise together for the first time to confront officers experienced mainly in infantry operations with the problems of armored warfare.

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Indian forces will be poorly positioned for any major conflict with Pakistan while they are involved in the exercise. The Rajasthan training area is about 60 to 160 miles (100 to 250 kilometers) south of the best invasion routes into Pakistan and 200 to 300 miles (320 to 480 kilometers) south of the most likely Pakistani thrust into India.

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In the unlikely event Brass Tacks IV were a cover for an attack, New Delhi probably would deploy additional air defense and field artillery units to the border and more air defense units near the nuclear facilities at Bombay. India probably would also deploy those portions of the exercise units that are still in garrison, establish forward stores of ammunition, fuel, and other supplies, requisition large amounts of civilian transport and support equipment, and raise the readiness level of all military forces.

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If New Delhi were to mount an attack, it probably would do so after its exercise units were marshaled but before they were deployed to Rajasthan late this month or early next. This would be particularly effective if the exercise were a cover for an airstrike against Pakistani

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nuclear facilities and if India wanted its forces mobilized to defend against a Pakistani response.

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Pakistani Maneuvers

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Pakistan has deployed about 60,000 troops to the border area for exercises. The Pakistani troops do not appear to be preparing for combat but are better deployed for war than Indian forces will be. Kashmir is the most likely invasion route into India, and the units opposite Rajasthan are well placed to respond to an Indian attack.

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[Redacted] the Pakistanis deny they are conducting border exercises, probably to keep the spotlight focused on Indian maneuvers.

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Several senior Pakistani officials have acknowledged they do not expect an Indian attack. Recent public statements by President Zia have played down the threat, and senior Pakistani officials have not altered their plans for foreign travel. Nevertheless, [Redacted]

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[Redacted] the Pakistanis seem obsessed by the size of Brass Tacks IV, the high concentration of armor, and the use of live ammunition. They are also concerned that New Delhi has failed to provide Islamabad with official notice of the exercise, as previously agreed.

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The Pakistanis appear to be voicing these concerns to the US to denigrate India and to strengthen Islamabad's case for sharing intelligence and increased military assistance. A recent Pakistani Foreign Ministry statement to the US Ambassador [Redacted]

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[Redacted] exaggerated the size of Brass Tacks IV and claimed—incorrectly—that an Indian armored division had moved to a sensitive border position in Kashmir.

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[Redacted] there have been no unusual Indian field deployments in Kashmir.

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