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OPERATION GRANBY INTELLIGENCE SITREP AS AT 190600Z AUG 90

MILITARY SITUATION IN KUWAIT

1. IRAQI GROUND FORCES POSTURE IN KUWAIT REMAINS RELATIVELY UNCHANGED. THE BUILD UP OF MOST FORCES IN THE SOUTH IS BEHIND A DEFENSIVE LINE RUNNING PARALLELED TO, AND SOME 20 TO 30 KMS NORTH OF, THE KUWAITI BORDER. NO FURTHER DEPLOYMENTS OF IRAQI TROOPS INTO KUWAIT HAVE BEEN OBSERVED. HOWEVER THERE HAS BEEN CONTINUOUS REDEPLOYMENT OF IRAQI DIVISIONS WITHIN KUWAIT. ELEMENTS OF THE 6TH ARMoured DIVISION ARE STILL IDENTIFIED IN THE AREA NORTH OF AL JAHRA AND IT CANNOT BE CONFIRMED WHETHER THE 6TH ARMoured DIVISION HAS TAKEN OVER SOME OF THE FRONT LINE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHER DIVISIONS. IT IS LIKELY THAT REDEPLOYMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE PLACE. A SECOND DEFENSIVE POSITION HELD BY AN INFANTRY BRIGADE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED ON THE COASTAL HIGHWAY CLOSE TO THE SAUDI BORDER.
2. TOTAL IRAQI STRENGTH IN KUWAIT IS ESTIMATED TO BE 1100-1200 TANKS, 1100-1200 ARMoured PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND 800 ARTILLERY PIECES, TROOP STRENGTH IS ESTIMATED AS 104,000.
3. CONSOLIDATION OF AIR DEFENCE HAS CONTINUED. THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT THE IRAQI FORCES ARE ATTEMPTING TO BRING KUWAITI AIR DEFENCE ASSETS INTO OPERATION INCLUDING SA8 GECKO.
4. THERE ARE RUMOURS OF A SUICIDE CAR BOMB ATTACK BY ONE OR MORE KUWAITIS ON A HOSPITAL AT AL JABARIYAH, IN KUWAIT CITY, BEING USED

BY IRAQI TROOPS.

MILITARY SITUATION IN IRAQ

5. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT IRAQI FIXED WING AIRCRAFT ARE BEING BASED IN KUWAIT. HOWEVER FOUR HIP AND EIGHT LIGHT HELICOPTERS REMAIN AT AL SALEM AIRFIELD. TWO HIND HELICOPTERS REMAIN AT AHMED AL JABER AIRFIELD IN KUWAIT.

6. IN NORTHERN IRAQ THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE IRAQI 5TH CORPS REMAINS FACING TURKEY IN A DEFENSIVE POSITION.

7. IT IS REPORTED THAT AL TAJI SRBM FACILITY HAS OUTLOADED AT LEAST 30 PROBABLE AL ABBAS AIRFRAMES SINCE THE START OF THE CONFLICT. THE AL ABBAS IS A DERIVATIVE OF THE SCUD WITH A CLAIMED EXTENDED RANGE OF 900 KMS.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

8. THE USS REID FIRED WARNING SHOTS ACROSS THE BOWS OF THE TWO SMALL IRAQI TANKERS BABA GURGUR AND KHANAQUIN IN THE APPROACHES TO THE ARABIAN GULF. THE ARMS CARRIER BALQUEES REMAINS IN PORT AT TARABALUS, LIBYA. THE OIL TANKERS AL FAO AND AL QADISIYAH HAVE LEFT THE AREA OF MUAJJIZ OIL TERMINAL ON SAUDI ARABIA'S RED SEA COAST HAVING BEEN REFUSED AUTHORITY TO UPLOAD CRUDE.

9. THE IRANIAN NAVY CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN AT LEAST ONE VESSEL ON PATROL IN THE NORTHERN GULF AND ONE IN THE SOUTHERN GULF MONITORING THE BUILD UP OF FOREIGN WARSHIPS IN THE AREA AND MERCHANT SHIPS TRANSITING THE GULF.

10. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE KURDISH DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES PARTY OF IRAQ, SAMI ABDUL RAHMAN, HAS SOUGHT FINANCIAL HELP FROM SAUDI ARABIA TO BEGIN OPERATIONS AGAINST THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT IN KURDESTAN ALONG THE TURKISH/IRAN BORDER. DURING THE IRAN/IRAQ WAR THE KURDS SUCCESSFULLY TIED DOWN THE EQUIVALENT OF 6 IRAQI DIVISIONS FOR LONG PERIODS.

11. IRAQ MOVED A SECOND BATCH OF 1000 IRANIAN POWS TO THE BORDER TOWN OF KHANAQUN (3421N 4523E) ON 18 AUGUST. ON 18 AUGUST IRAN RETURNED ITS FIRST BATCH OF 1000 IRAQI POW AT KHORSRANI (UNIDENTIFIED).

12. THE IRANIAN NEWS AGENCY (IRNA) REPORTED ON 18 AUGUST THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF IRAQI TROOPS FROM WESTERN BORDER AREAS OF IRAN, WHICH BEGAN ON 17 AUGUST, CONTINUES. IRAQI FORCES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM POSITIONS ALL ALONG THE BORDER FROM SAYYID SADIQ 3522N 4554E TO AREA SOUTH OF ABADAN 3020N 4817E.

13. AIR DEFENCE HAS BEEN OBSERVED TO BE ACTIVE IN THE AREA OF BANDAR ABBAS ON THE IRANIAN COAST ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE STRAITS OF HORMUZ. FIVE 1-HAWK LAUNCHERS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED, AN INCREASE FROM

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ASSESSMENT

14. IT IS NOT THOUGHT LIKELY THAT FORMATIONS BEING USED IN THE DEFENSIVE LINE WOULD BE USED IN THE FIRST ECHELON OF AN OFFENSIVE. IRAQI REDEPLOYMENTS IN KUWAIT HAVE STILL NOT ACHIEVED THE RELEASE OF SUFFICIENT FORCES TO CREATE AN ADEQUATE STRIKE FORCE FOR A GENERAL OFFENSIVE AGAINST SAUDI ARABIA. THUS WE ASSESS THAT IRAQI FORCES IN KUWAIT ARE STILL DEFENSIVELY DEPLOYED THOUGH WITH AN INCREASED CAPACITY TO CARRY OUT A SHORT WARNING LIMITED STRIKE. AN OFFENSIVE AGAINST SAUDI ARABIA IS NOT LIKELY IN THE NEAR FUTURE  
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