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OPERATION GRANBY GENERAL SITREP TWENTYSEVEN AT 062359Z SEP 90

1. ADDRESSEES SHOULD DISSEMINATE INFORMATION WITHIN THEIR COMMANDS AS REQUIRED.
2. INTELLIGENCE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR REDEPLOYMENTS IN KUWAIT DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS, IRAQI TROOPS DISPOSITIONS THERE REMAIN DEFENSIVE. DEPLOYMENTS IN SOUTHERN IRAQ STILL APPEAR TO BE IN A STATE OF TRANSITION.
3. POLITICAL SITUATION. AS EXPECTED A SECOND CONVOY OF 182 WESTERN WOMEN AND CHILDREN, MOSTLY BRITONS, HAS ARRIVED IN BAGHDAD FROM KUWAIT. ANOTHER CONVOY IS DUE TO LEAVE KUWAIT CITY SHORTLY. WHILE IN AMMAN 5 SEP, MR HURD SAID THAT JORDAN HAD AGREED WITH HIS VIEWS AND THAT IT DID CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY IS BRIEFING SENIOR MINISTERS TODAY ON HIS SIX DAY TOUR OF THE MIDDLE EAST. HE HAS REPORTED THAT ARAB RESOLVE AGAINST IRAQ AGRESSION IS HOLDING UP WELL.
4. US OPERATIONS. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES.
5. ROYAL NAVAL OPERATIONS. YORK, BATTLEAXE AND ORANGELEAF ARE ON PATROL IN THE GULF. JUPITER IS NOW IN ABU DHABI FOR A 2-DAY STAND-OFF. GLOUCESTER ARRIVED IN GIBRALTAR TODAY. HURWORTH, ATHERSTONE AND CATTISTOCK ARRIVED OFF PORT SAID TODAY, FOR THEIR CANAL TRANSIT TOMORROW. HERALD ARRIVES IN AUGUSTA TOMORROW. FORT GRANGE AND OLNA ARE IN THE NORTH ARABIAN SEA IN COMPANY WITH THE DUTCH TASK GROUP. THEIR ETA IN THE GOO REMAINS 8 SEP. DILIGENCE ETA JEBEL ALI REMAINS 16 SEP. LONDON AND BRAZEN ARE WORKING UP AT PORTLAND. THEIR ETA GULF IS 8 OCT. CARDIFF WILL JOIN THE GROUP IN THEATRE ON ABOUT 24 OCT.
6. MERCHANT SHIPS. 28 FURTHER MERCHANT SHIPS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED SINCE YESTERDAYS SITREP. BRINGING THE GRAND TOTAL TO 288 SINCE 25 AUG. THE BRITISH OWNED MERCHANT VESSEL NIRJA CARRYING 30,000 TONS OF BULK GRAIN WAS REPORTED THIS MORNING TO HAVE GONE AGROUND ON A SANDBANK OFF HODEIDAH. THE EXACT TIME AT WHICH THIS OCCURRED IS UNKNOWN. OF CONCERN IS THAT THE CARGO IS LIKELY TO BE TRANSHIPPED TO IRAQI CARGO VESSELS NOW IN THE PORT AND TAKEN TO IRAQ. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER UPDATES ON THE TANKERS HITTIN, RUMAILA AND

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AL QADISIYAH LAST REPORTED AS BEING LADEN AND ANCHORED OFF MINA AL BAKR PM 5 SEP. GUR MARINER IS CONTINUING EN ROUTE GIBRALTAR ETA EARLY 7 SEP. ZANUBIA IS RETURNING TO COLOMBO, COMPLETE WITH HER CARGO OF TEA.

7. ARMY OPERATIONS. NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TO REPORT.

8. RAF OPERATIONS. THE DEPLOYMENT OF RAF FORCES IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA REMAINS UNCHANGED.

9. LOGISTICS. AN ADVANCE PARTY OF 22 FIELD HOSPITAL HAS DEPLOYED TO BAHRAIN. ITS REMAINDER HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO 24 HOURS READINESS TO MOVE. A MINISTERIAL SUBMISSION IS BEING FORWARDED WITH A VIEW TO DEPLOYING MILITARY NURSES IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE SAUDIS TO REPLACE WESTERN CIVIL NURSES WHO HAVE LEFT DHARAN. TWO SHIPS TAKEN UP FROM TRADE HAVE BEEN OFFERED TO AND ACCEPTED BY THE US MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND IN RESPONSE TO ITS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. DEPARTURE DATES OF 9 AND 13 SEPTEMBER HAVE BEEN SET FOR THE SEA MOVE OF 30 DAYS RESERVE OF AIR WEAPONS TO AKROTIRI. CDS HAS APPROVED CHANGES TO THE JOINT COMMANDERS DIRECTIVE ORDERING HIM, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, TO PLAN ON OPERATION GRANBY FOR UP TO 6 MONTHS.

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