



OPERATION ACTIVE RESOLVE INTELLIGENCE REPORT D+9

1 General Information

This intelligence report covers the last 24 hours (D+9).

2 Intelligence

2.1 Air

2.1.1 Increased activity IVO PALMYRA

The last 24 hours have seen an increased activity of air activity in the vicinity of PALMYRA airfield. It is unclear to VIS what the activity is related to.

ASSESSMENT:

It is **LIKELY** that Syrian forces have been active over PALMYRA

2.2 Sea

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2.3 Ground

2.3.1 EWR's nearly completed.

Damascus vehicle factory (OPARTGT 026) is producing Early Warning Radars (EWR). Recent reporting indicate that the factory is about to deliver 4 EWR's to the Syrian Air Force. A source has also reported that the factory have received increased funding from the Syrian regime and have increased its stock of workers in order to work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to speed of the production.

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ASSESSMENT:

It is HIGHLY LIKELY that the Syrian regime will give priority to infrastructure that supports the defense of Syrian and the Syrian regime. It is LIKELY that the Syrian Airforce IADS will be a priority.

It is assessed as LIKELY that the first EWR are ready to be delivered in 4 days, and that the remaining 3 EWRs will follow with a 2-day spacing.

2.4 Political

2.4.1 Syrian regime concerned about the gravity of the situation.

The recent CJTF attacks conducted by A-10s and KA-50s against Syrian ground forces (1st Corps) on Syrian territory have caused a significant concern in the Syrian Regime. Up until this point the Syrian regime have assessed that allied operations would stop once Syrian forces were not present anymore in Turkey. The follow-on action from CJTF have raised concern about an actual invasion of Syrian territory. Up until this point, this have mostly been discarded as speculations from the military when being raised to the Syrian regime.

ASSESSMENT:

It is LIKELY that the Syrian regime now considers a threat of ground invasion as a serious action that can occur in the time to come. It is LIKELY that the Syrian regime now will increase preparation in Syria and mobilize the full population to prepare for the invasion.

As of now it is still EVEN CHANCE that Syrian leadership are considering using WMD as a way of defending the regime. It is HIGHLY LIKELY that Syrian leadership will use WMD if they feel a allied ground invasion becoming a threat toward Damascus. It is LIKELY that Syrian regime will take necessary steps to protect their WMD to be able to use it as a deterrent against allied forces in the political discussions taking place.

2.4.2 Syrian regime with deal to purchase French jets

The Syrian regime have since the outbreak of the conflict been in talks with France about purchase of French military material. VID now have credible reporting that indicate that 12 Syrian pilots are already in France conducting training on French Mirage jets. The reporting indicate that pilots have been in France for about 6 months and have completed conversion course to French Mirage aircraft. It is unknown for VID what role the pilots are trained in, or what squadron the Syrian pilots came from in Syria.

ASSESSMENT:

It is LIKELY that a arms deal between Syria and France have been signed or are about to be signed with Syria buys a unknown number of French mirage aircraft.

2.4.3 Syrian regime continue to push for support from Pakistan

The Syrian regime have been in regular talks with Pakistan about support against its enemies. Pakistani officials have voiced their support to Syrian in meetings at the UN. Sources have revealed that the Syrian regime have been providing Pakistan with scientists and technology to produce chemical weapons. Reporting also indicate that a mutual agreement between Pakistan and Syria have been signed, and that

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Pakistan will support Syria in exchange for chemical weapon access the Syrians have been providing.

ASSESSMENT:

It is LIKELY that Pakistan will support Syria in the mid-term perspective (+7 days). It is even chance that Pakistan will overtly be supporting with military forces. If military forces are being used, fighters from the Pakistani Air Force flying the JF-17 is the likely candidate. Other support that are possible are support with nuclear research in order to speed up the pace of the Syrian nuclear weapon program.

3 VID Information gaps

3.1 Intelligence Requirements

The following are intelligence requirements VID request support from VIS to answer.

3.1.1 Intelligence Requirement 1 (IR 1): What is the status of Syrian SCUD units?

- Where are they located?
- Which units are operational?

3.1.2 Intelligence Requirement 2 (IR 2): What is status of Syrian WMD?

- What are Syrian intentions for their WMD?
- What is the threat from WMD?

3.1.3 Intelligence Requirement 3 (IR 3): What is the status of Syrian Air Force

- DCA missions? (Does the Syrian Air Force fly CAPs?)
- QRA (reaction times, from what bases type of aircrafts)

3.1.4 Intelligence Requirement 4 (IR 4): What is the status of 4th Corps and 5th Corps

- Are they leaving bases? (If yes, that can indicate a major Syrian offensive).
- Which direction are they heading?

3.1.5 Intelligence Requirement 5 (IR 5): What is the status of Syrian Air Force A-G missions?

- Are they Syrian Airforce able to conduct A-G missions?
- What aircraft are used in A-G missions? (Can indicate if our intelligence is correct, or provide input if A-G squadrons are changing to A-A based on the situation?)

3.1.6 Intelligence Requirement 6 (IR 6): What is Russian intentions?

- What is the status of Russian forces?
- How many?
- Where?
- From where are they operating?
- What can we expect?
- What are the Russian intentions?

3.1.7 Intelligence Requirement 7 (IR 7): What is the status of Syrian IADS?

- Positions of EWR
- Position of SAM sites
- Is the entire IADS operational?
- What parts of the IADS is operational?

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3.1.8 Intelligence Requirement 8 (IR 8): What other actors are influencing CJTF operations, and are present in the area of operations?

- Which countries are present?
- Which organizations are present?
- What units are being used?
- What are their intentions?

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