



OPERATION ACTIVE RESOLVE INTELLIGENCE REPORT D+5

1 General Information

This intelligence report covers the last 24 hours (D+5).

2 Intelligence

2.1 Air

2.1.1 TU-22 shot down by CJTF

A Russian TU-22 was shot down by CJTF forces on D+4. See section 2.4.1 and 2.2.1 for reactions.

2.1.2 Iran-Iraq-Syria talks

The last week there have been talks between Syria, Iran and Iraq about the use of Iraqi airspace to form a transit corridor between Iran and Syria. CJTF control of the airspace in Eastern Mediterranean have made it very hard for Iran to move supplies to Hezbollah through sea and air. The use of the corridor is intended for transporting equipment and supplies only, and Iraq have denied the usage of the corridor for combat operations staged in Iran. The status of the agreement is currently unknown.

ASSESSMENT: It is **UNLIKELY** that combat operations staged in Iran will be used to conduct attacks through the corridor. It is **LIKELY** that Syria will increase its efforts to reach this deal so supplies from Iran can be received. A corridor between Iran and Syria can **EVEN CHANCE** also open for Iranian military forces being staged at Syrian territory.

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2.2 Sea

2.2.1 Russian Surface Action Group (SAG) ordered to Eastern Mediterranean

Following the downing of a Russian TU-22 in the Eastern Mediterranean on D+5, a Russian SAG consisting of 3 Surface vessels are ordered to sail to the Eastern Mediterranean. It is unknown which vessels that are in the SAG. The SAG is expected to arrive in the Eastern Mediterranean in about 5 days.

ASSESSMENT: It is LIKELY that the SAG is sent to the Eastern Mediterranean in order to increase Russian Air Defence in the region. It is LIKELY that one of the ships in the SAG is a Air Defence platform with long-range air defence.

2.3 Ground

2.3.1 SA-2 production

Credible reports on the activity in Raqqa vehicle factory (OPARTGT022) indicate that 3x SA-2 BNs is in its final stages of production. It is unknown if additional IADS equipment is being produced at the facility.

ASSESSMENT: It is LIKELY that the Syrian regimen is increasing their production of war materials due to losses in the initial stage of the war. It is LIKELY that the SA-2 vehicles will be transported high value targets to replace combat losses to the important IADS protecting high value targets. It is EVEN CHANCE that the SA-15 vehicles will be sent from the factory within the next 7 days.

2.4 Political

2.4.1 Russian reaction to TU-22 being shot down

Russia have made strong complaints both to the UNSC and the world community about a Russian aircraft being shot down while flying in international airspace. Russia have publicly declared openly that this will have consequences. Secretly Russia have reached out to Syria and Iran to discuss options for a response on the incident.

ASSESSMENT: It is UNLIKELY that this incident alone will be the spark to a full out war with Russia. It is LIKELY that further incidents where CJTF assets are responsible for downing of Russian aircrafts can lead to a war. It is LIKELY that Russia is planning a attack through the use of proxies. It is EVEN CHANCE that Russia want to use Hezbollah for an attack and use plausible deniability. It is EVEN CHANCE that Russia may engage CJTF aircraft and shoot it down and claim it as an accident. Potential targets that have a significant value and can send a strong signal is CVN-72, Incirlik Airbase. It is LIKELY that threat level for CVN-72 and Incirlik is increased, and attacks can come on a short notice.

3 VID Information gaps

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- What is the status of Syrian SCUD units?
- What is the status of Syrian Air Force
 - o DCA missions? (Does the Syrian Air Force fly CAPs?)
 - o QRA (reaction times, from what bases type of aircrafts)
- 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?)
- What is the status of Syrian Air Force A-G missions?
- Is there presence of Russian forces in either Tartus or Bassel Al-Assad airfield?
- What is the status of Syrian IADS?
 - o Positions of EWR
 - o Position of SAM sites
 - o Is the entire IADS operational

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