

OPERATION ACTIVE RESOLVE INTELLIGENCE REPORT D+11

# General Information

This intelligence report covers the last 24 hours (D+11).

# Intelligence

## Air

### High activity IVO PALMYRA

The last 24 hours have seen a continued high activity in the vicinity of PALMYRA airfield. It is still unclear to VIS what the activity is related to.

**COMMENT:**

This activity was first reported in OPAR VID INTREP\_D9.

**ASSESSMENT:**

It is LIKELY that Syrian forces have been active over PALMYRA

## Sea

Russian SAG arrived in Area of Operations (AO)

Late last night the reported Russian SAG[[1]](#footnote-1) was observed to enter the AO. The SAG was observed was 350nm SOUTHWEST of INCIRLIK.

## Ground

### Study of counter SEAD/DEAD efforts

A group from the army, air force and defense research establishment has convened at the order of the Syrian regime at the Air Defense Academy (OPARTGT062). The group’s purpose is to study the losses the Syrian forces have had from allied SEAD and DEAD effort. Reporting indicate that the groups mandate is to publish new guidelines to be more effective in protecting own SAM’s.

### Activation of Syrian 6th Corps

The Syrian regime today sent the activation order for the Syrian 6th Corps.

**COMMENT:**

The Syrian 6th Corps mirror Syrian 1st Corps and have the same structure.

The Syrian 6th Corps was first mentioned in VID INTREP D+2.

**ASSESSMENT:**

It is LIKELY that the Syrian 6th Corps are of lower quality and have equipment that are not to the same standard like 1st Corps. As an example, several battalions is reported to use the old T-55 main battle tanks instead of the T-72.

Assessment from D+2 still stands, and it is expected to take 7 days to activate the Corps, and an additional 7 days to move it to the area of operations where it is intended to be used. It is still unknown where the 6th Corps is intended to be used. It is considered as even chance for the 6th Corps being sent to the front or sent to Damascus to strengthen the defenses in the capitol.

### Increased activity in 922nd SCUD Regiment (OPARTGT003)

The last 24 hours VID sources have seen an increased activity in the 922nd SCUD regiment base (OPARTGT003).

**ASSESSMENT:**

It is EVEN CHANCE that Syrian forces are preparing to use the SCUDs or preparing for a move of SCUDs due to a risk of CJTF-82 invasion of Syria.

### Increased activity at Sarqiyha Research Center (OPARTGT059)

The last 24 hours, VID sources have reported an increased activity at the Sarqiyah Research Center (OPARTGT059). The increased activity has been related to testing and production facility. In addition, rebuilding efforts are taking place at the storage facility. A higher number than normal of fuel trucks are present at the facility.

**ASSESSMENT:**

It is LIKELY that the Syrian armed forces are making sure their weapons of mass destruction are in good order to be able to deter at CJTF-82 ground invastion in Syria.

### HOMS Ammunition factory (OPARTGT010) have seen a high activity

The last 24 hours the activity at Homs ammunition factory have seen a high activity than normal. A normal operation at the factory have been a normal day shift from 0700-1600. The last 24 hours the factory have been running with 3 shifts and running continuously. The ammunition factory is known for producing MLRS rockets for the Syrian army.

**ASSESSMENT:**

It is LIKELY that the factory is increasing production to prepare for a potential high need for MLRS rockets.

## Political

### Syrian regime expects invasion

The last 24 hours VID have received reports that the Syrian regime now is starting to realize that a ground invasion may happen. The Syrian regime has expected that the allied activity have been a show of strength to force the Syrian regime to accept a peace agreement on the allied terms. The Syrian regime are now looking seriously into all options on how to counter a ground invasion

# VID Information gaps

## Intelligence Requirements

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

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

* + Where are they located?
  + Which units are operational?

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

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

### 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)

### 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?

### 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?

### 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?

### 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?

### 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?

1. OPAR\_VID\_INTREP\_D8 / OPAR\_VID\_INTREP\_D5 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)