OPERATION ACTIVE RESOLVE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY D11

1   General Information

This intelligence summary covers the last 24 hours (From D11).

2   Intelligence

2.1 Air

2.1.1   Russian air activity during the night of D11

Around D11 going into D12, VID have reporting of 12 AC originating from Russia flying via IRAN and IRAQ , through SYRIA before doing a air drop over Cyprus.

ASSESSMENT:
It is EVEN CHANCE that the contacts were inserting Russian airborne forces.
It is LIKELY that the Russian 1st Airborne Brigade[1] was deployed to Mozdok and were on high readiness alert from D9.
It is EVEN CHANCE that Russian 2nd Brigade were being deployed to Nalchik and put on high readiness alert during D11.

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[1] See page 38 INTREP VID B-001 https://132nd-vwing.github.io/OPAR-Brief/INTELLIGENCE/VID/INTREP%20VID%20B-001%20Generic%20Ground%20Force%20Structure.pdf

2.2 Sea

2.2.1 Russian amphibious landing ship (Ropucha) capacity
VID have the following assessment of the capacity of Russian landing ship Ropucha:
The Ropucha is LIKELY able to carry the following:
- A mechanized/motorized/armored company (9x IFV/APC/Tanks, plus logistics)

OR
- 3x MBT, 3x 2S9 Nona artillery and 5x MTLB APC and logistics support vehicles (Amphibious company task group. A self sufficient combat unit)

2.2.2 Chinese landing ships (Type 071 Amphibious transport dock) capacity
VID have the following assessment of the capacity of Chinese landing ships:
A Type 071 is LIKELY able to carry one battalion of ground forces, supported by a battery of artillery.

2.2.3 Russian and Chinese reinforcements
VID have credible reporting that Russia and China have one task group of ships each enroute to the EMED.

ASSESSMENT:
It is LIKELY that the Russian task groups consist of the following ships:
- 1x Kutznetzov (carrier)
- 1x Moscow class (cruiser)
- 1x Rezky frigate
- 2x Grisha corvettes
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It is LIKELY that the Chinese task group consist of the following ships:
- 2x Type 052 C destroyers
- 1x Type 071 amphibious transport dock

It is HIGHLY LIKELY that both the Russian and Chinese task groups will be arriving in theater during D14.

2.2.4 Battle Cruiser Pyotr Veliky vulnerability
The battle cruiser Pyotr Veliky is a very hard target and an important ship for the Russian fleet. VID have conducted an analysis on the vulnerability of Pyotr Veliky. VID have the following assessment: In order for a mission to be successful and be able to neutralize the threat of the battle cruiser, and attack need to adhere to the following parameters:
- A simultaneous attack from minimum two directions (90 degrees offset) is needed
- TOT of missiles need to be synchronized with the same TOT.
- A minimum of 20 missiles (10 from each direction) need to be able to get close to the ships to penetrate the missile defences
- In order to increase the chance of mission success, launch of decoys (TALDs) and attack from even more attack directions and increase the number of missiles.

2.3 Ground

2.3.1 Certification of SAM systems at Syrian Air Defence Academy (SYTGT062)
Due to the increased strain on Syrian SAMs based in attrition from allied forces, VID now have new and credible reporting that the time used for certification is significantly reduced.

ASSESSMENT:
It is LIKELY that new SAM systems arriving at Syrian Air Defense Academy (SYTGT062) only spend 24 hours for certification before being deployed out in the field. It is EVEN CHANCE that the SAM units need additional time in the deployment areas before becoming operational. It is HIGHLY LIKELY that the additional time does not exceed 48 hours. It is likely that within 72 hours from arriving at Syrian Air Defence Academy (SYTGT062) new SAM units are ready to be activated and operational in new designated areas of operation.

3 VID Intelligence gaps

- VID_IR_1: What is the Syrian readiness for conducting attacks with WMD?
- VID_IR_2: What is the status and disposition of Syrian SCUD units?
- VID_IR_3: What is the status and disposition of Syrian Naval units?
- VID_IR_4: 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?)
- VID_IR_5: What is the status of Syrian Air Force A-G missions?
- VID_IR_6: Is there presence of Russian forces in either Tartus or Bassel Al-Assad airfield?
- VID_IR_7: What is the status of Syrian IADS?
    - o Positions of EWR
    - o Position of SAM sites
    - o Is the entire IADS operational?
- VID_IR_8: Are Russian aircraft moving into bases in Egypt?
    - o What type of aircraft?
    - o How do Russian aircraft operate out from Egypt?
- VID_IR_9: How will Russia and Syria enforce embargo?
    - o What are the sources of the attack against logistics ship?
    - o What assets can be used for blockade of allied ships?
- VID IR_10: Where will 5th Corps deploy to?
- VID IR_11: What is status and disposition of Syrian 6th Corps
    - o What are the composition of 6th Corps
    - o How long until 6th Corps are combat ready
- VID IR_12: What is composition of Chinese SAG?
- VID IR_13: What is composition of Russian SAG?
- ~~VID IR_14: What is the unknown Russian-Chinese activity?[2]~~

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[2] VID INTSUM D6, section 2.4.1