



OPERATION ACTIVE RESOLVE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY D3

1 General Information

This intelligence summary covers the last 24 hours (From D3).

2 Intelligence

2.1 Air

- NSTR (Nothing Significant To Report)

2.2 Surface to Air

2.2.1 SAMs moving from Jirah

- VID have credible reporting that indicate that Syria have started moving a SA-2 Battalion away from Jirah airbase. VID have not intelligence on where the SA-2 Battalion has been transported.
- **ASSESSMENT:** It is **LIKELY** that movement of SA-2 away from Jirah indicate a Syrian abandonment of operational flights from the airbase

2.2.2 SA-15 vehicles in final stages of production

- Credible reports on the activity in Tartus vehicle factory (OPARTGT021) indicate that 8x SA-15s is in its final stages of production. It is unknown if additional SA-15 vehicles 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-15 vehicles will be transported to the Syrian Air Defence Academy (OPARTGT062) for a test of the system before it will be deployed into the field. It is **EVEN CHANCE** that the SA-15 vehicles will be sent from the factory within the next 7 days.

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2.2.3 SA-15 Battalion undergoing training

- A Syrian SA-15 reserve battalion is currently undergoing training at the Syrian Air Defence Academy (OPARTGT062). During the night of D3, VID have credible reports of a live fire exercise taking place. VID do not know how long the unit has been in training.
- **ASSESSMENT:** With a live fire exercise being conducted, it is likely that the SA-15 reserve battalion is close to operational status. It is **LIKELY** that the SA-15 Battalion will be deployed into the field within the next 7 days. It is **LIKELY** that the SA-15 battalion will be sent to the Syrian 1st Corps to replace Syrian SA-15 battalions that have suffered heavy losses.

2.3 Sea

2.3.1 Guidance from Iran to Hezbollah about interdicting allied shipping

- VID have credible intelligence that indicate that Iran have given guidance to Hezbollah to interdict allied shipping outside the coast to Lebanon.
- **ASSESSMENT:** It is **POSSIBLE** this activity is linked to Syrian and Russian announced embargo. If this activity is linked, then it is **LIKELY** that Iran is stepping up its effort and that Syria, Russia and Iran are working closer together. It is **LIKELY** that Iran will try to avoid its participation in the conflict to be known.

2.3.2 Chinese destroyer conducts port visit in Tartus

- During the evening hours of D3 a Chinese type 52 destroyer pulled into port in Tartus. This visit was not announced in advanced.
- **ASSESSMENT:** It is **UNKNOWN** what the Chinese position is on the conflict. It is considered as **EVEN CHANCE** that a Chinese port visit can be seen as sign of Chinese support of Syria.

2.3.3 US logistics ship sunk outside Lebanon

- A US ship was sunk outside the coast of Lebanon. VID have not information about the means of attack. The ship suddenly reported mayday and that it was going down. The ship reported a major explosion as the source of the mayday.
- **ASSESSMENT:** It is **POSSIBLE** this is linked to declared embargo announced by Russia and Syria.

2.4 Ground

2.4.1 Heavy shelling toward allied forces

- The last 24 hours there have been multiple reporting on allied forces receiving incoming artillery attack from Syrian forces. There have been two locations for these attacks: 1. Artillery attacks toward Hatay. 2. Artillery attack against allied forces between Gaziantep and FARP London.
- **ASSESSMENT:** It is **LIKELY** that Syrian forces are using their long range artillery (MLRS) to engage allied forces to reduce allied capability for offensive operations.

2.5 Political

2.5.1 Syria declared embargo of all ships transiting to Turkey

- Today Syria has declared that they are placing an embargo on all ships and aircraft flying into Turkey. The reason for this is according to Syria to keep the conflict between Turkey and Syria and prevent other parties (CJTF) from interfering with the conflict.

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- **ASSESSMENT:** It is currently not known how Syria plan to enforce the embargo and if they both in the short and long term have resources to interdict allied shipping or aircrafts

2.5.2 Russia made formal complaint about shooting down of a SU-24 aircraft

- During the day (D3) a Russian SU-24 reconnaissance aircraft was shot down outside the coast of Syria. The aircraft was in international airspace and did not show any threatening behavior. Russia have filed a complaint to the UN about the unprovoked action and have said this action will have consequences.
- **ASSESSMENT:** It is POSSIBLE that the consequences mentioned here can be linked to the US ship sunk outside Lebanon.

2.5.3 Russia declared embargo of all ships transiting to Turkey

- Russia has declared support to the Syrian declared embargo. Russia has also declared that they will assist in enforcing the embargo due to the incident with the Russian aircraft being shot down.
- **ASSESSMENT:** It is UNKNOWN how Russia will support or enforce such an embargo.

2.5.4 Russian agreement Iraq for overflight

- Russia have reached an agreement with Iraq for overflight of Iraqi airspace
- **ASSESSMENT:** It is HIGHLY LIKELY that Russia have a similar agreement with Iran allowing Russian aircraft to use Iranian territory for overflight. It is also assessed as LIKELY that Russian aircraft can stop at Iranian airbase for refuel before continuing the transit toward Syria and the Mediterranean.

2.5.5 Russia and Egypt have reached an agreement on use of airbases

- Russia have reached an agreement with Egypt that allows Russia to base aircrafts in Egypt, and allows Russian aircraft to operate out from Egyptian bases.
- **ASSESSMENT:** It is POSSIBLE that Russian forces already have started moving aircraft from Russia to Egypt.

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? **(NEW D3)**
 - o What type of aircraft?
 - o How do Russian aircraft operate out from Egypt?
- VID_IR_9: How will Russia and Syria enforce embargo? **(NEW D3)**
 - o What are the source of the attack against logistics ship?
 - o What assets can be used for blockade of allied ships?

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