



# JFACC AIR OPERATIONS DIRECTIVE OPERATION ACTIVE RESOLVE D4

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## 1. SITUATION

### a. JFC guidance (verbatim).

Priority of effort is on establishing Air Superiority in support of LCC and set conditions for own operations.

- Start shaping for phase 2 in the operation (Create permissive environment).
- Continue support to LCC
- Be prepared to prepare contingency plans for striking Syrian WMD at short notice (regardless of phase). Expect this plan to be asked for prior to commencing phase 2. ALR: HIGH approved for such a plan.

### b. Enemy situation.

The current enemy situation is defined in VIS INTSUM D3, available at OPAR BRIEF.

### c. Friendly situation (by joint force component).

#### Land Component Command (LCC)

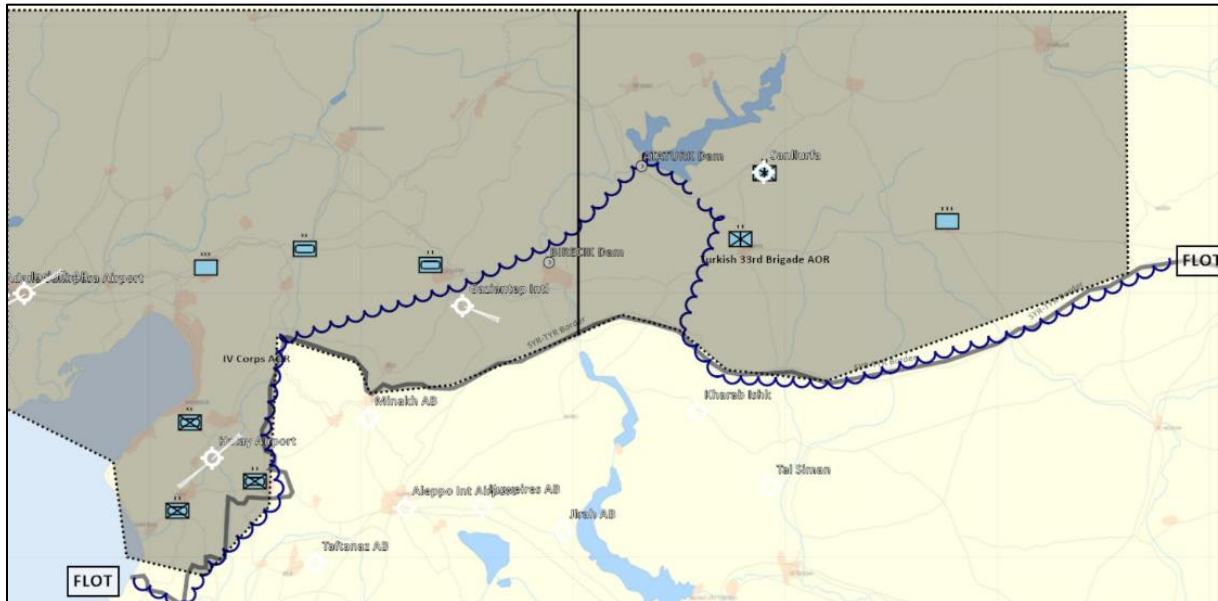
##### *IV Corps*

The 55th Mechanized Division has secured HATAY and have moved forward battalions to screening positions along the FLOT.

The 56th Armor Division has its' forward elements at the outskirts of Gaziantep. The 56th is preparing for the assault at Gaziantep airfield that will commence in the morning hours of D4.

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### **Turkish local forces**

The Turkish 33rd Brigade protecting the Ataturk Dam have been defeated by Syrian forces despite heavy resistance and support from JFACC with CAS. They have withdrawn to the city of Sanliurfa in order to prevent Syrians capturing the airfield.

- Turkish local forces are in static defensive positions and are not in a position to assume offensive operations.
- Turkish local forces consist of BTR-80 and M-113s vehicles
- Turkish local forces are reinforced with coalition JTACs to support with CAS to defend
- against Syrian attacks.

### **Maritime Component Command (MCC)**

CSG-1 continues to support the mission from CSG-1 operations box.

SAG 1 remains outside the AO, having been directed to support shipping movements elsewhere following the loss of a Coalition logistics ship carrying GBUs.

### **Special Operations Component Command (SOCC)**

SOF teams are standing by to support with reconnaissance as required and requested by JFACC.

- Three SOF teams are being requested to deploy to theatre in support of the observation of strategic objectives. The request is raised to the SOCC.

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	<p>Come the end of D4, the Syrian air force will be denied the use of Tiyas AB.</p>
<p><b>Execution</b> What to do, when. – Any detailed instructions if needed</p>	<p>Flights will be tasked to engage SHORAD and SAM threats IVO Gaziantep, including the SA-6 sites reported from D3 (D3.1-005 and D3.2-004). A two-ship of CAP will be established at X16 in support of this effort, cleared to operate in a block from FL300 and above.</p> <p>Flights will then be tasked to proceed to the Gaziantep area after CAP is established in order to begin Armed Reconnaissance, under the direction of a SCAR as outlined in the ATO, with deconfliction to be coordinated by the SCAR.</p> <p>A package of flights will be tasked separately to undertake a number of specific intelligence taskings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine the remaining Syrian threat at sea and in port (IR17)</li> <li>• Determine the presence of Russian naval vessels at sea and in port (IR17)</li> <li>• Determine whether the Russian Kilo class submarine remains in port (IR17)</li> <li>• Determine the SAM presence along the West coast of Syria, north of Lebanon</li> <li>• Determine 'trigger lines' for Syrian QRA in the South</li> </ul> <p>In order to deconflict from operations in the vicinity of Gaziantep, this package must remain west and south of Aleppo at all times. The engagement of Syrian Air Forces in this area should be the responsibility of CAP NORTH.</p> <p>Alongside the SCAR operations conducted at Gaziantep, a flight will be delegated responsibility for killboxes AD, AE, BD and BE. This flight will be responsible for locating and reporting on the location of the armoured brigade observed to have left Gaziantep heading East on D3. In order to deconflict with operations at Gaziantep, this flight must transit into and out of the killboxes below FL150 crossing ACP IRWIN and leveraging the defined minimum-risk routes, and must not cross ACP IRWIN inbound the Killboxes until after CAP NORTH is established.</p> <p>As night falls, a package will depart and muster overhead ACP ATHENS, not below FL150, with orders to press south into Syrian territory and strike Tiyas airbase, denying the enemy the use of the airfield. This large package will be provided with both an escort and a sweep as part of the package.</p> <p>In support of the ongoing LCC offensive at Gaziantep, flights will be tasked to perform Armed Reconnaissance in the Gaziantep area, with at least one flight being considered an airborne CAS standby should an air request be received from the LCC.</p> <p>These flights will be supported by a CAP flight to ensure their protection whilst strikes occur at Tiyas and should not be on station</p>

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<b>Focus of effort by objective</b>	<p>In accordance with JFACC objectives 1.1 and 1.2, this AOD predominantly seeks to reduce the threat posed by SHORAD and SAM systems situated IVO Gazientep. The majority of sorties in this both ATOs will be directed in support of this objectives.</p> <p>Additional sorties will be allocated to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.1 – provide requested LCC air support as far as possible to achieve LCC’s Main Efforts.</li> <li>• Develop the friendly Intelligence picture, particularly at sea.</li> </ul>												
<b>Acceptable level of risk.</b> (including for AWACS and tankers: forward or rear)	<p>The accepted level of risk throughout this AOD is MEDIUM, <b>other than:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DEAD efforts targeting SA-6 sites should accept <b>HIGH RISK</b>.</li> <li>• The strike package tasked with denying the use of Tiyas should accept <b>HIGH RISK</b>.</li> </ul>												
<b>Collateral damage and civilian casualty guidance</b>	<p>Every attempt should be taken to minimise collateral damage in the execution of these missions.</p> <p>Suspected civilian casualties should be reported as soon as is practicable.</p>												
<b>TST guidance</b>	<p>Where they are identified, items from the TST matrix must be prosecuted. The outcome should be reported on the in-flight report net. If prosecution is not possible, the location must be reported for re-tasking.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="486 1144 1402 1234"> <thead> <tr> <th>PRIORITY</th> <th>TARGET</th> <th>DESIRED EFFECT</th> <th>RISK LEVEL</th> <th>STATUS</th> <th>RMKS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>SCUD</td> <td>Destroy</td> <td>MEDIUM</td> <td>Unlocated</td> <td>N/A</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	PRIORITY	TARGET	DESIRED EFFECT	RISK LEVEL	STATUS	RMKS	1	SCUD	Destroy	MEDIUM	Unlocated	N/A
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<b>Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance (ISR)</b> – If any effort should be done to support VIS with ISR to answer information gaps from VIS.	<p>All intelligence and BDA should be submitted via Campaign Manager, and necessary images placed in #bda-reports on discord IAW SPINS.</p> <p>The following ISRs should be supported in this AOD:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the location of the Kilo class Submarine be determined?</li> <li>2. Are Silkworm Missile Batteries located along the Syrian coast?</li> <li>3. IR9 – Location of IADS SAMs</li> <li>4. IR 5 – Confirmation 11<sup>th</sup> Mech DIV IVO Gaziantep, air defences in place and disposition of manoeuvre units</li> <li>5. IR12 – Confirm presence and origin of Syrian QRA</li> <li>6. IR17 – Confirm the presence and type of Russian or Syrian naval units at sea</li> <li>7. IR14 – Confirm presence and type of air defence IVO Tartus</li> <li>8. IR2 – Location of 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps Rocket Arty Bns</li> <li>9. IR7 – Location of 21<sup>st</sup> Mech DIV and 22<sup>nd</sup> Mot DIV and disposition of manoeuvre units</li> </ol>												
<b>Other issues</b>	N/A												
<b>Direction and Guidance</b>	<p>Aircrews must remain clear of Jordanian airspace at all times. Munitions must not be expended which may encroach on Jordanian airspace.</p>												

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	Munitions may not be expended in the direction of Basel Al Assad And Tartarus in order to avoid Russian involvement in the conflict.
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#### **4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS**

Due to other ongoing major military operations, the munitions are limited in accordance with the '[available ordnance](#)' publication available at OPAR Brief. **Further limitations may be imposed by JFACC and will be detailed in the ATO.**

**Active Tanker Tracks** – ARCO-1, SHELL-3 and SHELL 4 as published in D4 ACO

#### **5. COMMAND AND CONTROL**

BULLSEYE MARY is defined at N35 53.950 E037 40.600.

There are no other specific C2 considerations for these missions. Refer to the Command, Control and Communications section of the JAOP.

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