

OPERATION HORMUZ

MISSION 07 CLOUDTOP FOXTROT

BRIEFING MATERIAL (CLASSIFIED)



TASK ID: HW-074968

USS CVN-71

VFA-97 WARHAWKS

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SITUATION UPDATE

On Day 6, a decisive blow was dealt to the Iranian Navy's 3rd Combat Fleet within the strategic confines of the Hormuz Strait. This engagement resulted in the debilitating loss of seven battleships and a crucial submarine. Concurrently, a carpet bombing by our Air Force effectively neutralized Havadarya Airbase. This significant airstrike has forced the Iranian Air Force to send their fighter jet from Lar Airbase, approximately 100 nautical miles distant, for conducting CAP task over the Bandar Abbas region. Day 7 marked a shift in the weather dynamics, with the cessation of rainfall enabling our allied ground forces to resume their offensive. Notably, the 4th and 5th Regiments of the Marine Corps' 1st Division made substantial progress on the eastern flank, reaching the outskirts of Minab by dawn. Intense combat ensued in the morning hours as our forces engaged in a fierce battle for control of Minab City. In a strategic development, our intelligence unit intercepted critical information regarding the movements of the Iranian 3rd Combat Fleet. The remnants of this fleet, now stationed within the Bandar Abbas Naval Base, include one frigate, one corvette, and two fast attack craft, accompanied by two support cargo ships. Their mission is to deploy deep-water mines in the Hormuz Strait in the afternoon. These vessels are currently docked at the Naval Base Terminals, actively loading deep-water mines and essential supplies. Furthermore, another corvette and a submarine are undergoing maintenance in the repair shipyards. In response, the Fifth Fleet Commander has strategized a preemptive strike to neutralize the remaining assets of the Iranian Navy's 3rd Battle Fleet before they can execute their mine-laying operations. To this end, the CVN-71 Strike Group organized a surgical strike package comprising two flights, each consisting of four F/A-18C jets from the VFA-97 Squadron. The operation also faces significant challenges. Although the rainfall has ceased, the operational area is still hindered by dense cloud cover, obstructing targeting pod visibility. Compounding this, the Iranian army has deployed multiple GPS jamming devices around Bandar Abbas, effectively disrupting GPS signals. This interference renders laser-guided and GPS-guided weapons inoperable within the operation zone. To circumvent these obstacles, the AGM-62 Walleye with datalink, is selected as the weapon of choice. Its capability to penetrate cloud cover and deliver precision strikes makes it ideally suited for the mission. Concurrently, a Fighter Sweep team from Air Force will be airborne shortly, tasking to neutralize the enemy CAP Flights over Bandar Abbas. Achieving air supremacy is crucial for facilitating multiple airstrike missions in the Bandar Abbas operation area. This coordinated approach underscores the strategic depth and tactical acumen of our forces, as we endeavor to maintain dominance in this critical theater of operations.



MISSION BRIEFING

Hawk 1-1 is the Air Mission Commander (AMC), whilst Hawk 1-2 is the Deputy AMC. The Hawks flights are assigned for a precision air strike on the enemy's naval base in Bandar Abbas Port. All aircraft will start cold on deck, comms check will be performed in about 1 minute after right engine started, both teams to keep PRI COMM at Green 1, and Hawk 1 to switch AUX COMM to Yellow 1 and Hawk 2 to switch AUX COMM to Yellow 2. A/A Bullseye point is at WP4 (ROCK), where Bandar Abbas Naval Base is located. Joker fuel is 5,750 lbs and Bingo fuel is 5,000 lbs. Make sure all members in Hawks flights are in your datalink network. After being cleared by the taxi director, proceed to your assigned catapult.

Case I departure is expected, with good visibility despite thick clouds lingering at a ceiling of 13K feet from yesterday's rainstorm. After clearing a 7-DME, proceed to Waypoint 1 (RV) to regroup at 25,000 feet Mean Sea Level (MSL) with a speed of 0.6 Mach. After the rendezvous, Hawk 1-1 will issue the push order to the package. Maintain a contract speed of 0.8 Mach and altitude of 30,000 feet MSL for ingress. During the ingress leg, we will switch PRI COMM to STRIKE and check in.

Our Operation Area, codenamed Ballroom, is a circular zone across the Hormuz Strait. The line between Waypoints 2 and 4 roughly represents the diameter of this circle. Havadarya Airbase, located in the western suburb of Bandar Abbas, was destroyed in an airstrike conducted by our Air Force yesterday. However, the ground is still firmly controlled by Iranian forces, who are now deploying fighter jets from Lar Airbase, 100 nm away, to perform CAP tasks over Bandar Abbas. The Air Force has scheduled a Fighter Sweep team to secure air supremacy in the morning, followed by multiple strike missions carried out simultaneously in the Ballroom. Thus, it is imperative to ensure the area is clear before entering the Ballroom.

At Waypoint 2 (BAL), we will request clearance to enter the Ballroom. If air combat is ongoing, we will orbit south of WP2 at 30,000 feet MSL. Upon clearance, we will conduct Fence In checks, select AGM-62 Walleye to warm up the bomb, and ensure the datalink is paired. We will then gradually descend to 25,000 feet MSL and continue towards Waypoint 3 (IP). At WP3, we will request the final word from STRIKE and commence the attack run from IP. Waypoint 4 (ROCK) is also the target point; assign it as your WPDSG.

PART A. MISSION BRIEFING

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The operation's hard deck is 20,000 feet MSL to avoid AAA and Manpads, but we will maintain an altitude of 25,000 feet MSL consistently. Hawk 1 will initiate the attack first, while Hawk 2 makes a clockwise orbit turn at 26,000 feet from WP3 (IP). The run-in interval is 60 seconds; each member should report their IP inbound, bomb away, and target hit or miss status. After releasing the bomb, make a left turn and return to WP3 (IP) at 26,000 feet, simultaneously guiding your bomb to the assigned target using your datalink. Double-check the target position before the run-in, and remember that these targets are not static, i.e. they could have moved. Therefore, always select a backup target before initiating the run-in. Our primary focus is on the main objective. If Hawk 1 expends all ordnance (Winchester) before destroying all primary targets, Hawk 2 will engage the primary targets. Once the primary objective is completed, we will proceed to the secondary and then the tertiary objectives, according to the priority hierarchy. Additionally, Target Alpha 5, Alpha 6, Bravo 5, and Bravo 6 have restricted attack headings. Consult your kneeboard and ensure you adhere to the instructed course.

Upon mission completion, we will maintain 25,000 feet MSL at 0.75 Mach speed and egress via Waypoint 5 (EGR). We will check out with STRIKE and conduct Fence Out checks at WP5, then proceed to Waypoint 6 (REC). At 50-DME out, we will switch PRI COMM to CH1 (Green 1) and contact Marshal for recovery. Refueling tankers Shell 1 and Shell 2 will be on standby as usual; requests for refueling will be made if needed. The weather conditions have improved significantly, with no rain forecasted, and a Case I Recovery is anticipated. Hopefully, we won't have to wait too long in the stack before we can get our lunch. Good luck!

[Designer's Note]

1. Hawk 1-1 (Tail#211) is Mission Commander and must be seated by a Player.
2. A backup Hawk 3 Flight with 4 F/A-18C is hot on ramp, players can change weapon loadout as needed.
3. Recovery tankers are ready on deck and will be launched upon request via F10 Radio Menu on your egress leg.
4. AI Hawk 2 will be activated if no Players sit into Hawk 2 Flight (after all Hawk 1 members outside DME-1), Players can use F10 Radio Menu to deactivate AI Hawk 2.

PART B. TACTICAL INFORMATION

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**BASIC INFORMATION**

START TIME 27-JUN-2011 0900LT (0500UTC)

SCHD LAU TIME 0910LT CASE I DEP LOC N2439E5808

EXP REC TIME 1030LT CASE I REC LOC N2452E5748

HOME FREQ 305AM TCN 71X ILS 11 LINK4 336

WX CLDY SR 0524LT SS 1906LT TEMP 26C QNH 2996 CLD 13K WIND 116 8KTS SEA 2 GD VSBY

MISSION OBJECTIVES

Primary Destroy Iranian Navy's remaining battleships in Bandar Abbas Naval Base
 Secondary Destroy fuel factories & supply ships in Bandar Abbas Naval Base
 Tertiary Destroy fuel storages in Bandar Abbas Naval Base

THREAT ANALYSIS

Air to air Iranian Air Force F-14, Mig-29 from Jiroft Airbase
 Iranian Air Force F-5, Mig-29 from Lar Airbase
 Surface to air SA-11 in Khoshangan, SA-11 in Tejdanu
 Uncharted short-range SAMs and AAA in Bandar Abbas

FLIGHT ROSTER

FLIGHT	CALLSIGN	TAIL#	ROLE	A/A TCN	DATALINK	LSR CODE
Hawk 1	Hawk 1-1	211	Lead	11X	HK11	1681
	Hawk 1-2	212	Wing	12X	HK12	1682
	Hawk 1-3	213	Lead	13X	HK13	1683
	Hawk 1-4	214	Wing	14X	HK14	1684
Hawk 2	Hawk 2-1	215	Lead	21X	HK21	1685
	Hawk 2-2	216	Wing	22X	HK22	1686
	Hawk 2-3	217	Lead	23X	HK23	1687
	Hawk 2-4	218	Wing	24X	HK24	1688

PACKAGE ELEMENTS

FLIGHT	AIRCRAFT	NO.	TASK	TARGET
Hawk 1	F/A-18C	4	Pinpoint Strike	Bandar Abbas Naval Base
Hawk 2	F/A-18C	4	Pinpoint Strike	Bandar Abbas Naval Base

SUPPORT FLIGHT

FLIGHT	AIRCRAFT	NO.	TASK	A/A TCN	REMARKS
Magic	E-2D	1	AWACS		Callsign STRIKE
Darkstar	E-3A	1	AWACS		Callsign DARKSTAR
Texaco	KC-135M	1	Refuel	53X	CH10 FL250
Arco	KC-130	1	Refuel	54X	CH11 FL200
Shell 1	S-3B	1	Refuel	51X	CH8
Shell 2	S-3B	1	Refuel	52X	CH9

ALTERNATE AIRFIELD

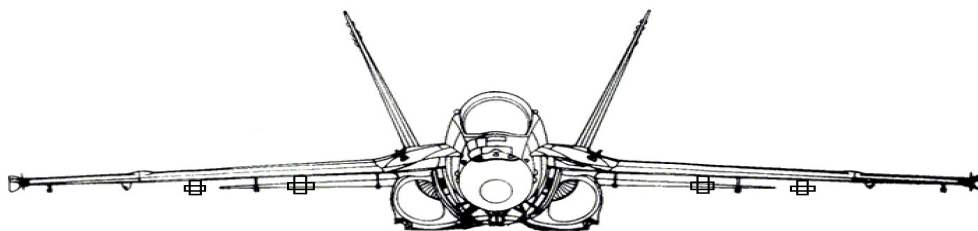
AIRFIELD	FREQUENCY	COORDINATE	REMARKS
Khasab	124.350 AM	N26°10'57" E56°14'37"	Penesula north tip
Banda-e-Jask	118.150 AM	N25°39'18" E57°48'06"	Controlled by allied force

PART B. TACTICAL INFORMATION

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LOADOUT



STATION	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Hawk 1-1	9X	WE	WT	AC	DL	AFLIR	WT	WE	9X
Hawk 1-2	9X	WE	WT	AC	DL	AFLIR	WT	WE	9X
Hawk 1-3	9X	WE	WT	AC	DL	AFLIR	WT	WE	9X
Hawk 1-4	9X	WE	WT	AC	DL	AFLIR	WT	WE	9X
Hawk 2-1	9X	WE	WT	AC	DL	AFLIR	WT	WE	9X
Hawk 2-2	9X	WE	WT	AC	DL	AFLIR	WT	WE	9X
Hawk 2-3	9X	WE	WT	AC	DL	AFLIR	WT	WE	9X
Hawk 2-4	9X	WE	WT	AC	DL	AFLIR	WT	WE	9X

INTERNAL	GUNS	FLARE	CHAFF	TOTAL FUEL	TOTAL WEIGHT	ADV TRIM
Hawk 1-1	578	60	60	15291 lbs	49020 lbs	19
Hawk 1-2	578	60	60	15291 lbs	49020 lbs	19
Hawk 1-3	578	60	60	15291 lbs	49020 lbs	19
Hawk 1-4	578	60	60	15291 lbs	49020 lbs	19
Hawk 2-1	578	60	60	15291 lbs	49020 lbs	19
Hawk 2-2	578	60	60	15291 lbs	49020 lbs	19
Hawk 2-3	578	60	60	15291 lbs	49020 lbs	19
Hawk 2-4	578	60	60	15291 lbs	49020 lbs	19

RADIO COMMS

L	CODE	AGCY	FREQ	R	CODE	AGCY	FREQ
1	Green 1	Marshal	305.00	1	Green 1	Marshal	305.00
2	Red 1	Strike	264.00	2	Red 1	Strike	264.00
3	Red 2	Guardian	265.00	3	Red 2	Guardian	265.00
4	Red 3	Darkstar	256.00	4	Red 3	Darkstar	256.00
5	Yellow 1	Hawk 1	254.00	5	Yellow 1	Hawk 1	254.00
6	Yellow 2	Hawk 2	250.00	6	Yellow 2	Hawk 2	250.00
7	Yellow 3	Hornet	270.00	7	Yellow 3	Hornet	270.00
8	Violet 1	Shell 1	257.00	8	Violet 1	Shell 1	257.00
9	Violet 2	Shell 2	255.00	9	Violet 2	Shell 2	255.00
10	Violet 3	Texaco	262.00	10	Violet 3	Texaco	262.00
11	Violet 4	Arco	259.00	11	Violet 4	Arco	259.00
12	Orange 1	Devil	268.00	12	Orange 1	Devil	268.00
13	Orange 2	Chevy	269.00	13	Orange 2	Chevy	269.00
14	Orange 3	Check	260.00	14	Orange 3	Check	260.00
15	Blue 1	Raven	263.00	15	Blue 1	Raven	263.00
16	Blue 2	Dodge	261.00	16	Blue 2	Dodge	261.00
17	Blue 3	Ford	267.00	17	Blue 3	Ford	267.00
18	Indigo 1	Trek	251.00	18	Indigo 1	Trek	251.00
19	Indigo 2	Viper	253.00	19	Indigo 2	Viper	253.00
20	Indigo 3	Colt	266.00	20	Indigo 3	Colt	266.00

PART B. TACTICAL INFORMATION

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**FLIGHT PLAN (HAWK 1)**

WP	NAME	TIME	SPEED	ALTITUDE	ACTION	REMARKS
0	LAU	0910L			Launch	Bingo 5000 lbs
1	RV	0920L	0.60M	MSL 25K	Regroup	Check in after push
2	BAL	0932L	0.80M	MSL 30K	Fence In	Codename: Ballroom
3	IP	0937L	0.80M	MSL 30K	Armstrong	Landmark: Hormoz Island
4	ROCK				Attack	Bandar Abbas Naval Base
5	EGR	1010L	0.75M	MSL 25K	Egress	Regroup & Egress
6	REC	1030L			Landing	Recovery tanker ready

FLIGHT PLAN (HAWK 2)

WP	NAME	TIME	SPEED	ALTITUDE	ACTION	REMARKS
0	LAU	0910L			Launch	Bingo 5000 lbs
1	RV	0920L	0.60M	MSL 25K	Regroup	Check in after push
2	BAL	0932L	0.80M	MSL 30K	Fence In	Codename: Ballroom
3	IP	0937L	0.80M	MSL 30K	Armstrong	Landmark: Hormoz Island
4	ROCK				Attack	Bandar Abbas Naval Base
5	EGR	1010L	0.75M	MSL 25K	Egress	Regroup & Egress
6	REC	1030L			Landing	Tanker Standby

PRIMARY TARGET

NO.	TYPE	POSITION	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
A1	Ship	N 27°08'30" E 56°12'53"	Frigate Rezky	Alongside Terminal
A2	Ship	N 27°08'33" E 56°12'55"	Corvette Grisha	Alongside Terminal
A3	Ship	N 27°08'35" E 56°12'56"	La Combattante Ila	Alongside Terminal
A4	Ship	N 27°08'37" E 56°12'57"	La Combattante Ila	Alongside Terminal
A5	Ship	N 27°08'50" E 56°12'41"	Corvette Grisha	In Shipyard (Attack S-N)
A6	Sub	N 27°08'50" E 56°12'40"	SSK 877V Kilo Sub	In Shipyard (Attack S-N)

SECONDARY TARGET

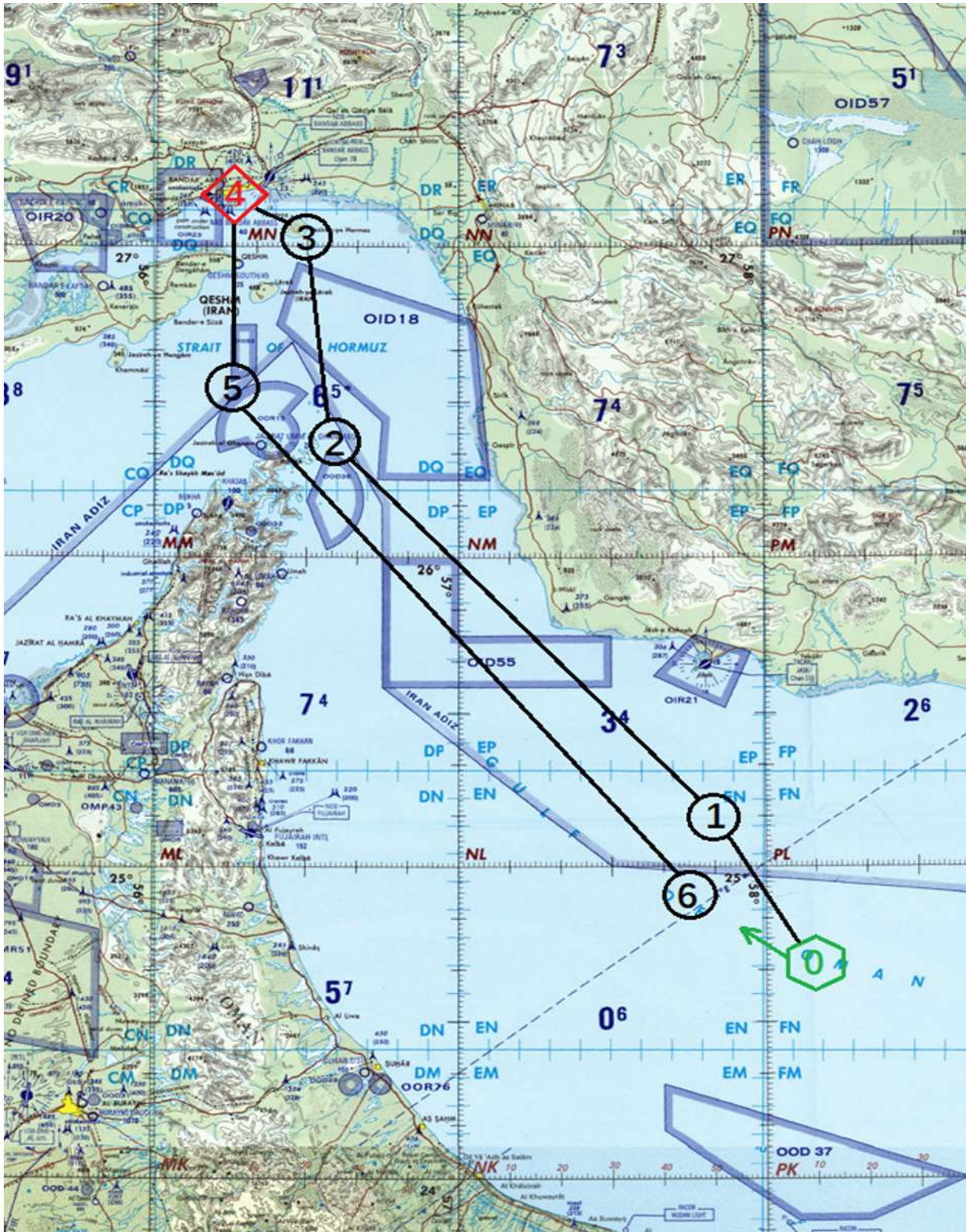
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B1	Ship	N 27°08'37" E 56°12'29"	Tanker	At Berth
B2	Ship	N 27°08'39" E 56°12'34"	Tanker	At Berth
B3	Ship	N 27°08'28" E 56°12'27"	Cargoship	At Berth
B4	Ship	N 27°08'29" E 56°12'33"	Cargoship	At Berth
B5	Factory	N 27°08'19" E 56°12'38"	Fuel factory	On Land (Attack E-W)
B6	Factory	N 27°08'18" E 56°12'42"	Fuel factory	On Land (Attack E-W)

TERTIARY TARGET

NO.	TYPE	POSITION	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS
C1	Storage	N 27°08'40" E 56°12'25"	Fuel storage	8*Tanks
C2	Storage	N 27°08'40" E 56°12'34"	Fuel storage	6*Tanks
C3	Storage	N 27°08'42" E 56°12'57"	Fuel storage	8*Tanks
C4	Storage	N 27°08'27" E 56°12'55"	Fuel storage	6*Tanks



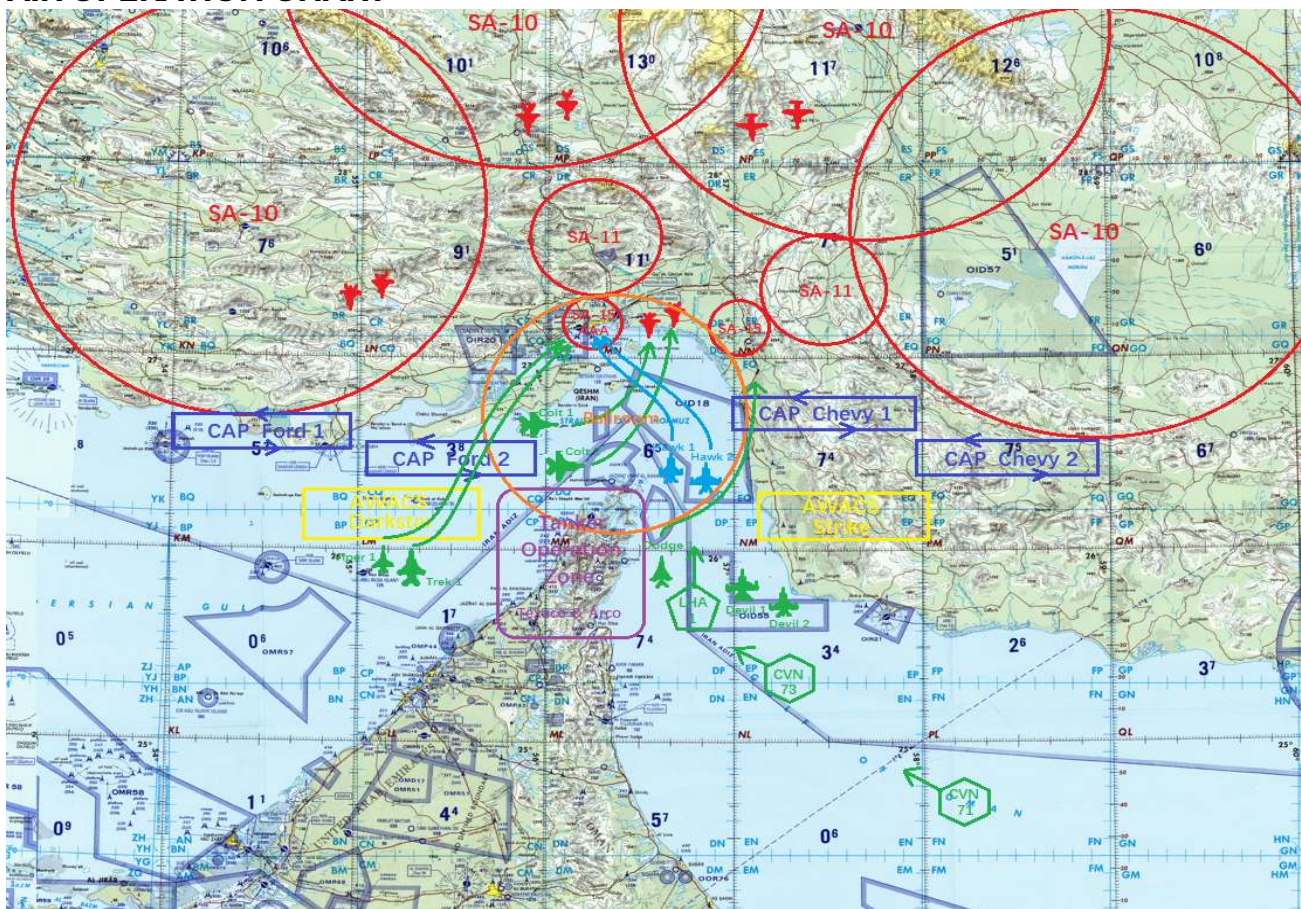
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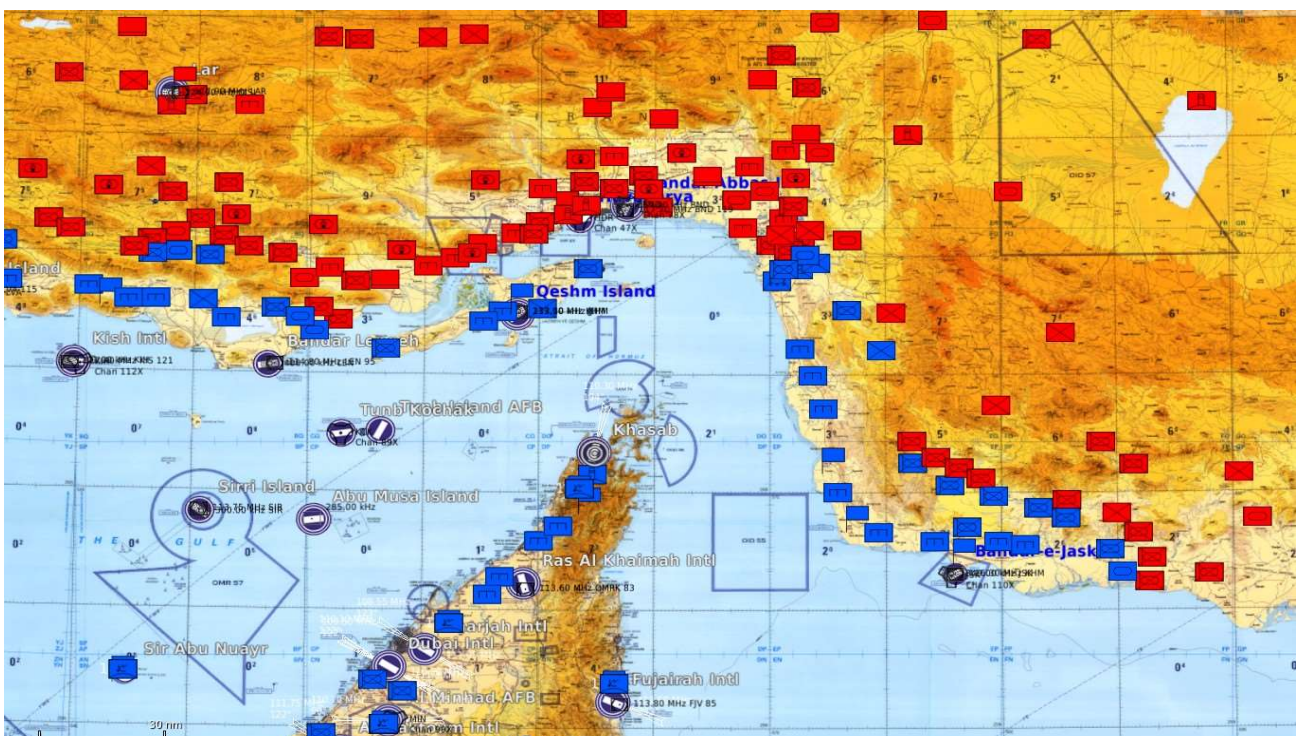
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AIR OPERATION CHART



GROUND OPERATION CHART





SATELLITE IMAGE (DAYLIGHT 0400UTC)



BANDAR ABBAS PORT LAYOUT





BANDAR ABBAS NAVAL BASE TARGETS (EAST BAY AREA)



UAV IMAGE (0400UTC)

