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Ordnance Ammunition Depot, Iraq (S)**

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TANK TRANSPORTER CONVOY, BAQUBAH BARRACKS ORDNANCE AMMUNITION DEPOT, IRAQ (S)

1. (S/D) Two heavy-lift battalions containing 97 tank transporters were observed parked in convoy on the highway which passes through Baqubah Barracks Ordnance Ammunition Depot [redacted] Iraq, [redacted] Eighty-five of the transporters were headed northeast, and 12 were headed southwest. Additionally, two truck convoys headed northeast had already departed the barracks, and a third truck convoy was preparing to depart. Baqubah is 45 nautical miles west of the Iraq/Iran border and houses a mechanized infantry brigade of the 6th Armor Division.¹

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2. (S/D) Low levels of activity were observed in the tank battalion and mechanized infantry battalion areas. Also, elements of the signal and maintenance battalions were absent. Seventeen additional transporters were in the vicinity of the signal battalion area, and two probable BTR-50 armored personnel carriers (APCs) were being loaded onto two of the transporters. The SA-6 brigade was assembled outside its usual garrison area and appeared to be in the process of departing. A 14-truck convoy was parked adjacent to the assembled SA-6 brigade, and approximately 400 personnel were assembled in formation.

3. (S/D) Elements of a newly arrived heavy-lift battalion (35 transporters) were observed in the mechanized infantry battalion area along with 31 BMP APCs and four OT-62 APCs on 23 June.

4. (S/D) It is probable that the transporters came from Abu Gharaib West and Vehicle Storage Depot [redacted] where the number of transporters decreased from 160 to 17 [redacted] Abu Gharaib houses two heavy-lift brigades.

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