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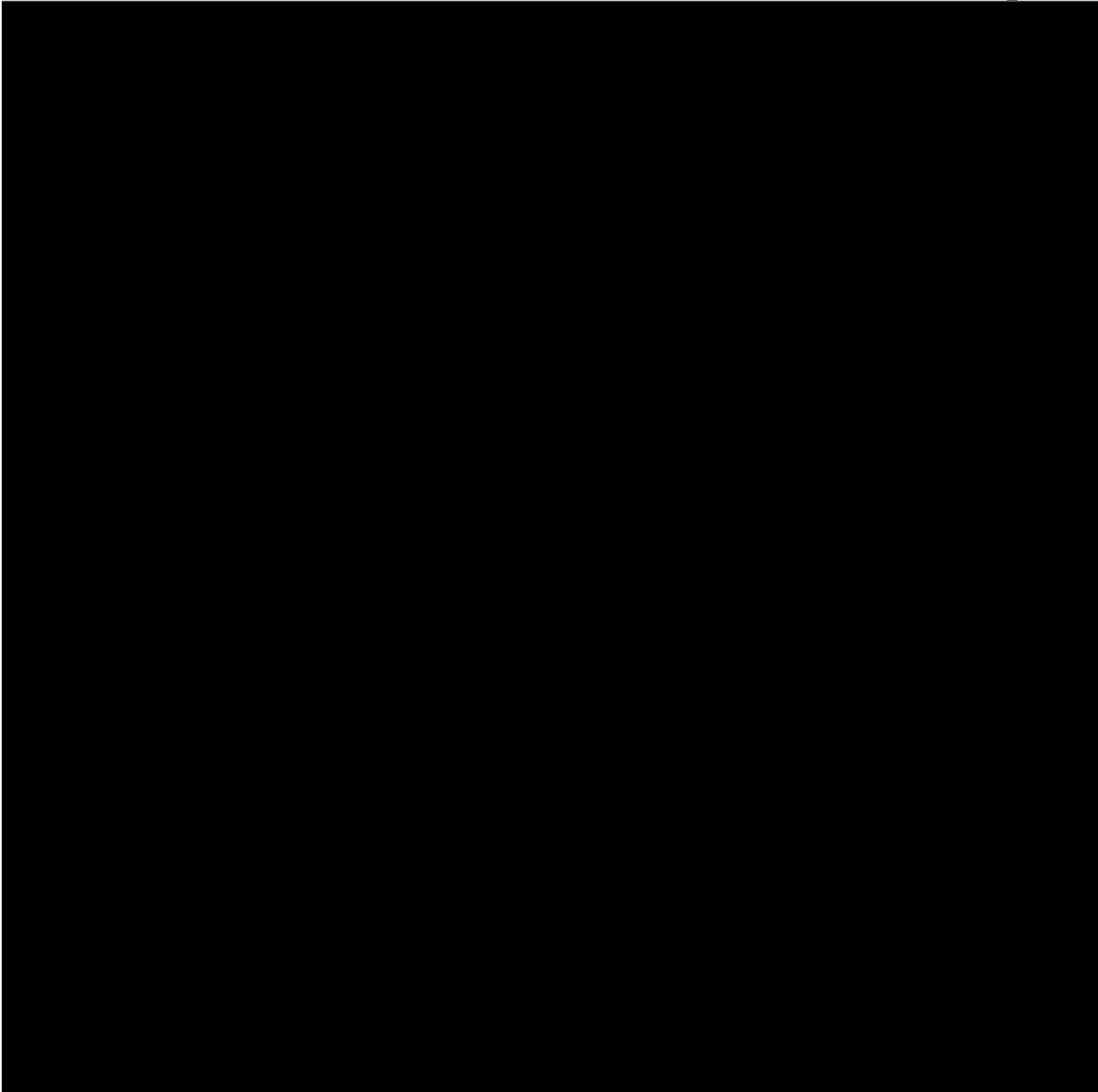
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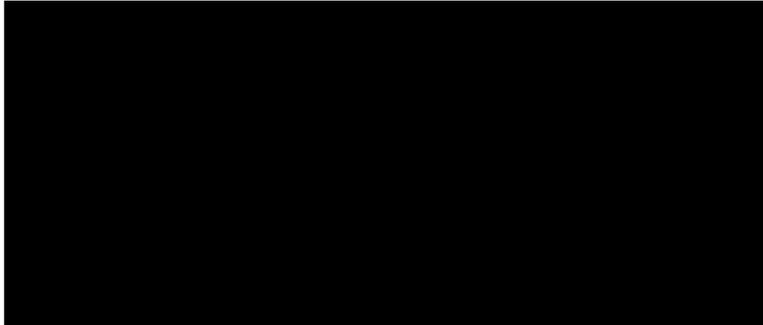
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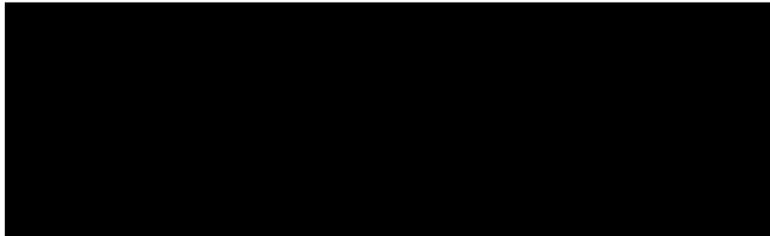
Ground War



Comment: The lack of major Iraqi counterattacks has given Iran time to reinforce units and strengthen its hold on Iraqi territory gained last week. Tehran probably will launch small-scale attacks or feints along the border to hinder Iraqi efforts to reinforce the As Sulaymaniyah area. [redacted]

Baghdad may have decided that the area lost in Val-Fajr 10 is not important enough to risk a major counterattack that probably would entail heavy casualties and might not regain much territory. If so, Iraq probably will commit its ground forces only in an effort to stop further Iranian gains and will use its Air Force and chemical weapons to inflict high casualties on Iranian forces. [redacted]

War of the Cities



Iran did not retaliate with a missile attack on Baghdad, although it continued air and rocket attacks on Iraqi border cities. [redacted]

[redacted] morale in Baghdad remains good, in part because Iran's missiles continue to hit lightly populated areas outside the city. [redacted]

Comment: Tehran may be conserving its missiles by responding only to multiple attacks. Iran's long-range artillery could reach Iraqi launchsites, although the Iranians might not react quickly and accurately enough to hit the mobile Iraqi missile launchers. [redacted]

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Shipping War

Press reports indicate Iranian small boats attacked a Liberian-flagged, Japanese-owned tanker in the southern Persian Gulf yesterday and a Norwegian-owned, Singapore-flagged liquid propane gas carrier in the same area last night. Iran has attacked 20 ships so far this year [REDACTED]

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