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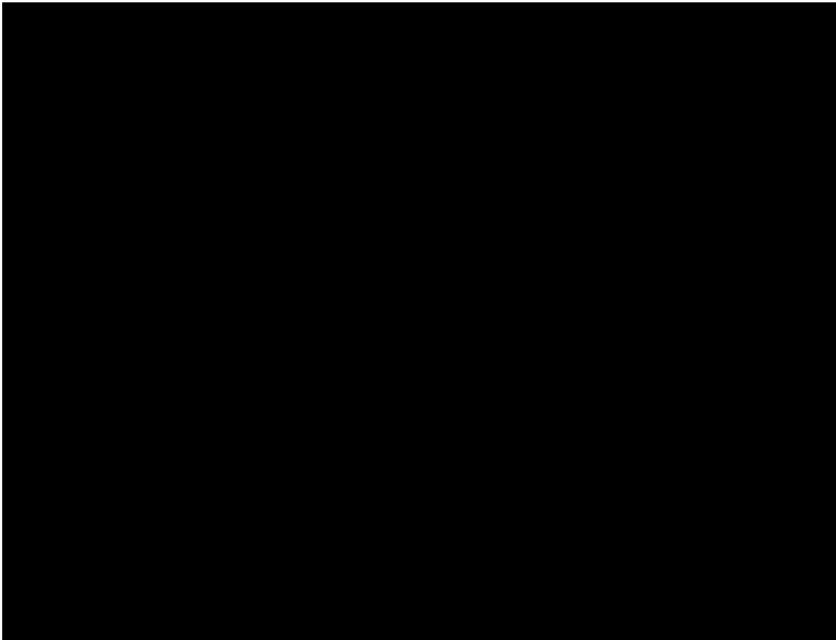
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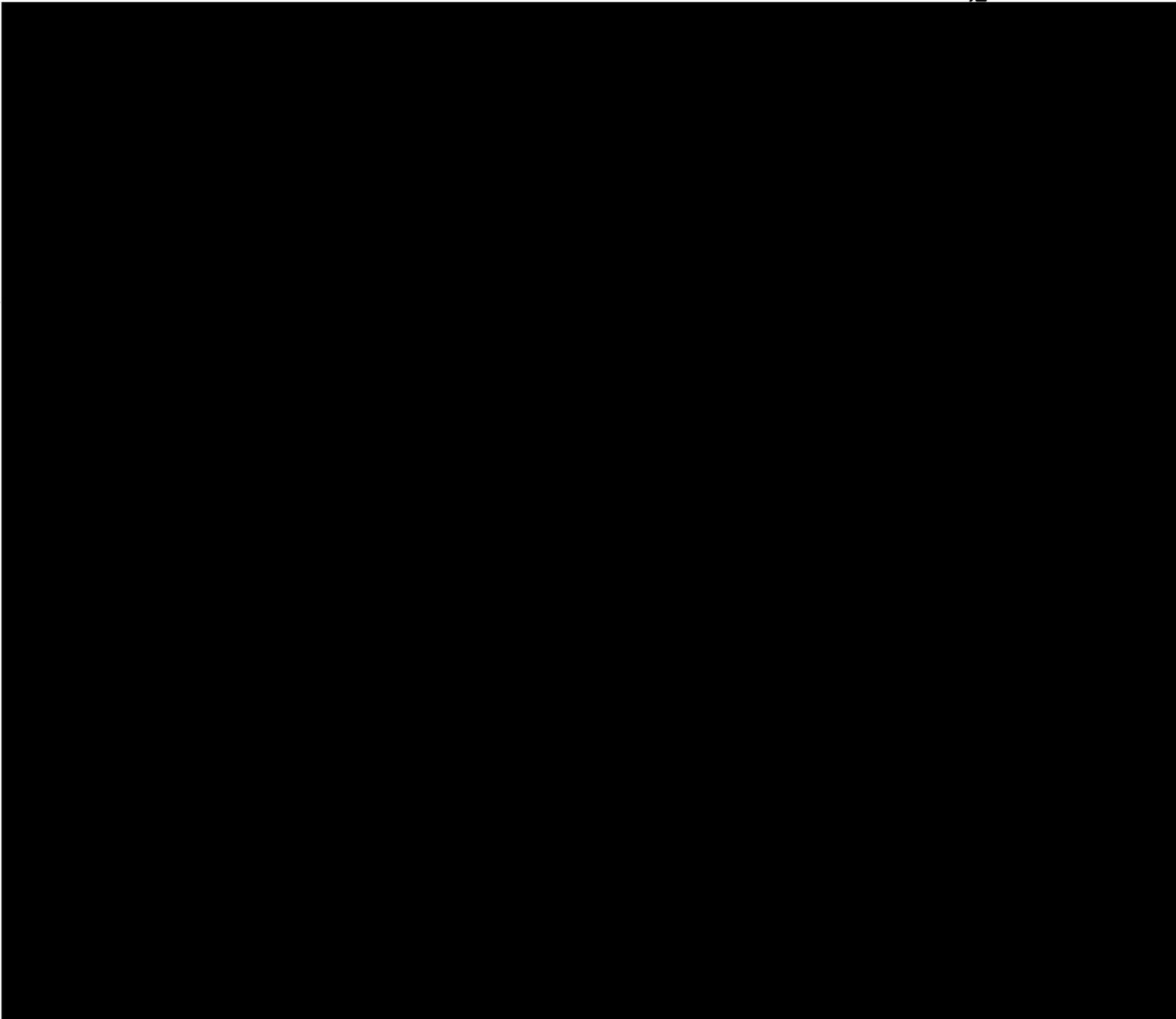
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PERSIAN GULF:

Situation Report

**Iranian Offensive
Continues**

Iran's Val-Fajr 10 offensive southeast of As Sulaymaniyah continued this weekend; Tehran claims to have captured several more villages and repulsed an Iraqi counterattack. Iran says it now has occupied some 386 square miles (1,000 square kilometers) of territory and killed or captured more than 12,000 Iraqi troops. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Iraq fired two missiles into Tehran on Saturday and one yesterday; Iran hit Baghdad twice and claimed to have hit Tikrit, Al 'Amarah, and Karkuk late Friday and Saturday. Iraq now has fired at least 100 missiles and Iran as many as 36. [REDACTED]

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Comment: The Iranians are securing their lodgment east of As Sulaymaniyah, and Tehran could be preparing to expand operations in this area, particularly if Baghdad has been slow in shifting reinforcements from the southern front. [REDACTED]

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