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The following is a summary of Soviet military activity and the movement of Soviet troops and military equipment along the Iranian border for the period 19-22 May 1951.

- 1. Pol Dasht  
20 or 21 May

Westbound rail traffic from Nakhichevan to Yerevan included one car carrying troops, and 14 armored cars.

Eastbound rail traffic from Yerevan to Nakhichevan included one car carrying boxes of ammunition.

Westbound rail traffic from Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan included two cars carrying mortars and three cars carrying ammunition boxes.

A black Soviet twin-engine fighter plane flew from Nakhichevan to Shah Takhti (39-22N, 45-06E) and landed at Qaraa (not located) village.

- 2. Khuda Afarin  
22 May
- 3. Astara  
19-20 May  
(report for two days)

Bazooka practice took place in the Khuda Afarin area.

Southbound road traffic from Lenkoran to Astara included 20 vehicles carrying one officer, five soldiers, and five civilians; one truck full of troops; two armed soldiers on foot, and two mounted soldiers.

Northbound road traffic from Astara to Lenkoran included six trucks and one group of armed soldiers on foot.

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Westbound road traffic from Astara to Masjed Mahalleh included four trucks carrying four officers and one soldier; six mounted soldiers, and four soldiers on bicycles were also observed.

Eastbound road traffic from Masjed Mahalleh to Astara included a cart carrying three officers and one sergeant.

Westbound road traffic from Masjed Mahalleh to the last western post under observation included five vehicles carrying 13 military personnel and 11 civilians, and one truck full of civilians.

Eastbound road traffic from the last western post under observation to Masjed Mahalleh included seven trucks carrying eleven soldiers and three civilians.

4. Lutfabad  
19, 20, or 21 May

Westbound rail traffic from Kaakha (37-22N, 59-38E) to Ashkhabad (37-57N, 58-33E) included two cars carrying ammunition.

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