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**NEW ARTILLERY REGIMENT
DEBAO ARMY BARRACKS, CHINA**

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1. (S/SPOKE) SIGNIFICANCE: AN ARTILLERY REGIMENT, PROBABLY BELONGING TO THE 5TH BORDER DEFENSE DIVISION, HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE DEBAO AREA, IN GUANGZHOU MILITARY REGION APPROXIMATELY 23 NM NORTH OF THE SINO-VIETNAMESE BORDER.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS, A 107MM TOWED MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER (MRL) BATTALION, A PROBABLE ARTILLERY BATTALION, A SUPPORT UNIT, AND AN ARTILLERY SUB-CALIBER RANGE ARE LOCATED AT 23-19-00N 106-36-05E (GRAPHIC 1). CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED IN ALL AREAS EXCEPT THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AND ARTILLERY SUB-CALIBER RANGE AREAS. TWO CONFIRMED AND ONE POSSIBLE 107MM TOWED MRL BATTERIES WERE OBSERVED WITHIN THE MRL BATTALION AREA.

(S/D) AN ARTILLERY BATTALION AREA IS OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION .8 NM WEST OF THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AT 23-19-10N 106-35-10E (GRAPHIC 2). ALTHOUGH NO FIELD ARTILLERY (FA) PIECES ARE OBSERVED WITHIN THE BATTALION AREA, THREE CONFIRMED AND THREE POSSIBLE FA PIECES ARE OBSERVED IN A SMALL COMPOUND (NOT ON GRAPHIC) 1 NM SOUTHWEST OF THIS AREA. THIS COMPOUND MAY SERVE AS A TEMPORARY HOUSING/STORAGE FACILITY FOR THE ARTILLERY BATTALION UNTIL THE NEW AREA IS COMPLETED.

(S/D) ANOTHER ARTILLERY BATTALION AREA IS OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION 2 NM NORTHEAST OF THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AREA AT 23-20-50N 106-37-00E (GRAPHIC 3). EIGHT FA PIECES ARE OBSERVED IN FRONT OF THE VEHICLE STORAGE SHEDS.

(S/D) ANALYST COMMENTS: ONLY TWO BATTALIONS OF ARTILLERY CAN BE CONFIRMED WITHIN THE DEBAO AREA. ALTHOUGH FACILITIES FOR A THIRD FACILITY ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, IT IS PROBABLE THAT AT LEAST ONE BATTALION OF THIS REGIMENT WILL BE DEPLOYED TO THE BORDER ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS. THIS WOULD INDICATE THAT ARTILLERY OCCASIONALLY OBSERVED IN THE NANPO AREA (23-06-30N 106-02-30E) IS PROBABLY ASSIGNED TO THIS ARTILLERY REGIMENT.

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(S/SPOKE) ONE CONFIRMED AND ONE POSSIBLE INFANTRY REGIMENT OF THE 5TH BORDER DEFENSE DIVISION HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE JINXI AREA. THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE ARTILLERY REGIMENT AT DEBAO LEAVES ONLY THE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AND ONE INFANTRY REGIMENT UNLOCATED.

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3. (S) _____ COORDINATES 23-19-00N 106-35-00E

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4. (S/SPOKE) COLLATERAL REFERENCES: DSD, 2/EE/19-82, CHINA: NATIONAL UNIT DESIGNATORS ESTABLISHED FOR THREE GUANGXI BASED BORDER DEFENSE DIVISIONS, 23 MARCH 82.

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