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3 PART GRAPHICCopy 62**GROUND FORCES EXERCISE  
THAR DESERT REGION, INDIA**

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AN INDIAN ARMORED DIVISION AND INDEPENDENT ARMORED BRIGADE ARE CONDUCTING TRAINING IN THE WESTERN THAR DESERT REGION, APPROXIMATELY 50 NM EAST OF THE INDIA-PAKISTAN BORDER.

2. (SWN) REMARKS: MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST ARMORED (ARMD) DIVISION (DIV) AND THE 14TH INDEPENDENT ARMD BRIGADE (BDE) FROM AMBALA BARRACKS AREA [REDACTED] ARE CONDUCTING TRAINING EXERCISES IN THE THAR DESERT REGION IN THE INDIAN 2ND CORPS EXERCISE SEARCH AREA 3 [REDACTED] THESE UNITS HAVE BEEN OUT OF GARRISON AND UNLOCATED [REDACTED]

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(SWN) THE 1ST ARMD DIV UNITS INCLUDE TWO ARMD BDE (GRAPHIC 1), ONE DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY (ARTY) BDE, ELEMENTS OF TWO OT-64 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER (APC)-EQUIPPED MECHANIZED (MECH) INFANTRY (INF) BATTALIONS (BN), ONE DIVISIONAL COMBAT ASSAULT ENGINEER REGIMENT (REGT), ONE MEDICAL BN, ONE ARMY SUPPORT CORPS (ASC) MOTOR TRANSPORT BN, AND ONE ASC HEAVY-LIFT TRANSPORTER UNIT. THE DIVISION ARTY BDE INCLUDES ONE PROBABLE ARTY BDE COMMAND POST (CP) (GRAPHIC 2) WITH NET-COVERED VEHICLES, ONE MEDIUM FIELD ARTY (FA) REGT WITH 130MM M-46 FIELD GUNS, ONE SELF-PROPELLED (SP) FA REGT WITH 105MM ABBOT SP GUNS (GRAPHIC 3) AND AT LEAST TWO FA REGT WITH 105MM INDIAN FIELD GUNS.

(SWN) THE 14TH INDEPENDENT ARMD BDE UNITS INCLUDE AT LEAST MAJOR ELEMENTS OF ONE INDEPENDENT ARMD BDE, ONE PROBABLE BMP APC-EQUIPPED MECH INF BN, AND ONE FA REGT WITH 105MM INDIAN FIELD GUNS. ONE LARGE PROBABLE CP AREA WITH NET-COVERED VEHICLES IS ADJACENT TO THE BDE DEPLOYMENT.

(SWN) THE TRAINING EXERCISE IS CENTERED AT 28-36-30N 073-39-00E APPROXIMATELY 50 NM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF SURATGARH IN THE WEST INDIAN THAR DESERT REGION AND EXTENDS FROM AN AREA 14 NM NORTH OF MAHAJAN AT 29-00-00N 074-00-00E SOUTHWEST TO AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 12 NM NORTH WEST OF BIKANER AT 28-11-00N 073-12-00E.

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(SWN) THE INDIAN 2ND CORPS EXERCISE SEARCH AREA 3 IS  
APPROXIMATELY 50 NM EAST OF THE INDIA-PAKISTAN BORDER IN  
NORTHWESTERN INDIA.

3.  COORDINATES 29-23-20N 073-54-10E

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