DIA SPOT REPORT

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DATE: 7 October 1973
TIME: 0740 EDT

SUBJECT: Middle East Hostilities

REFERENCE: DIA Analysis (SS)

GENERAL

(S/SCI) Since dawn the Israeli Air Force has been attacking military targets in both Egypt and Syria. Four Egyptian bridges have been erected across the canal; one has been destroyed by Israelis. Israelis report that less armor crossed last night than was expected. Israeli forces are engaging Egyptian infantry with Israeli armor. In the Golan Heights area, Syrian armor has penetrated in four areas; Israeli counterattack currently under way. The Israelis state that today will be decisive.

(G/TFB) in Tel Aviv reported that the Israelis had expected the Egyptians to move many tanks across the Canal during the night. Additional infantry in undetermined numbers; also a less than expected amount of armor did cross during the night. He speculated that...

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the IDF strategy may be to lure a large quantity of tanks across the Canal out of the SAM protected area and then have a "field day." The Israelis report, however, that the two Egyptian armored divisions have not been committed.

(S/NFO) An IDF spokesman stated that the Israeli Air Force had been attacking military targets inside Egypt since early this morning. The Israelis were expected to attack concentration areas west of crossing points on the Canal. An Egyptian communiqué states that the Egyptian forces continue to move into the Sinai and that large formations of enemy aircraft bombed airports in Egypt. The IDF spokesman stated that most of the fighting was contained to the vicinity of the crossing points.

(S/NFO) He also stated that the Israeli Navy sunk an Egyptian Navy unit northeast of Port Said as well as three small craft loading on the west bank of the Gulf of Suez. In addition, three Egyptian landing craft were sunk in a naval engagement and one PTG was sunk by air attack early this morning in the Gulf of Suez area.

(S/NFO) Fighting in the southern Sinai took place yesterday between Israeli forces and Egyptian troops landed by helicopter at Sharm es Sheikh. An Egyptian TU-16/SADGER aircraft bombed this area late yesterday with little damage. Abu Rudeis was also attacked with some oil facilities destroyed.

SYRIAN FRONT

(U) Syrian armed forces are continuing to attack along the entire Golan Heights cease-fire line and have penetrated several kilometers at four points (see map). Israeli counterattack with armor supported by air is currently in progress.

(U) Druze tribesmen near the front line of the Golan Heights report seeing large numbers of abandoned Syrian tanks in this area.

(S/NFO) Two Israeli settlements (Kibbutzim) were shelled by Syrian artillery early this morning.
there has been no apparent reaction by the Soviet Air Forces to the situation in the Middle East.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

MILITARY

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Sudanese leader Numeiri reportedly on 6 October offered Sudanese troops to Egyptian President Sadat and Syrian President Asad, if asked, and had placed Sudanese ports and airports at the disposal of Arab forces.

POLITICAL

(U) According to Baghdad radio, Iraq has nationalized Exxon and Mobil oil company shares in the Basrah Petroleum Company in retaliation for the current "Israeli aggression." An Iraqi statement also calls for other Arab oil companies to cut off the flow of oil to the United States and every other foreign country supporting Israel.
EXEMPT

per sec 3.3(b)(1)(3), E.O. 12958 as amended; 10 USC 424
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