



Department of Defense

OPERATION DESERT FANG

JSOTF-S – Target Package 01

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131ST - ALWAYS ON TARGET

OPERATION DESERT FANG**Time Zone Used :** LOCAL TIME**From :** COMBINED AIR OPERATIONS CENTER**To :** PATROL LEADERS**Annexes :** ATO // AO // TG1**Risk level :** LOW**A1 : Situation**

Following the collapse of Bashar al-Assad's regime, Syria has plunged into chaos. The United States has identified a strategic window of opportunity to eliminate the remnants of the Syrian Arab Air Force (SyAAF) before they can be seized by hostile actors.

A2 : Weather**METAR:** 100730Z 13502KT 43SM FEW069 18/12 A2992**SUNRISE:** 0737 LT**A3 : Enemy forces****A31 : Syrian Arab Air Force (SyAAF) Remnants**

Following the collapse of the Assad regime, the remaining SyAAF aircraft are scattered across military airfields, with Damascus being a key hub. Without centralized command, these assets are vulnerable but still mobile, as surviving personnel attempt to relocate them to avoid destruction.

A32 : Ground Threats

With Syrian air defenses no longer operational, the primary ground threat consists of rogue militia groups and isolated military personnel. While no organized resistance is expected, sporadic small arms fire and limited AAA from uncontrolled factions cannot be ruled out.

B1 : Mission

Strike operation to destroy all SyAAF aircraft at Mezzeh Military Airport before they can be relocated or commandeered by hostile groups.

C1 : Execution

C11 : Weapons

- JDAMs will operate with PPS-enabled GPS guidance. No GPS spoofing/jamming.
- GBU-31 or GBU-24 for HAS (Hardened Aircraft Shelter) penetration.
- GBU-38 or GBU-12 for aircraft in open storage.

C12 : Intelligence

- ISR confirms **regular aircraft movement** between shelters.
- Some aircraft may be fueled and armed but remain static due to lack of pilots.

C13 : Anti-aircraft defense

- Intel assessment (C3): No **active** Syrian SAM systems detected.
- Possible **light AAA fire and manpad** from rogue militia elements.

C14 : ROE

- 2-factors IFF: Electronic + one condition : Visual confirmation / AIC declares hostile / Hard lock
- Avoid damage to civil infrastructure as much as possible.
- Do not jettison weapons or fuel tank on civilian areas.

C15 : Interception

N/A.

C16 : Civilian traffic

- Damascus International Airport **remains closed**.
- No anticipated civilian air traffic in AO.

C17 : Support

TEXACO : TANKER 245.000 / FL250 PROBE

SHELL : TANKER 246.000 / FL260 BOOM

FOCUS/INT PAT : AWACS 251.000

C16 : Remarks

- Russian forces are currently evacuating their bases in Syria and **do not pose a threat** to the operation.
- A **warning strike** must be conducted on the airfield before engaging primary targets to allow any potential civilians in the area to evacuate.
- As we approach Damascus, warning messages will be broadcast on local radio frequencies in both English and Arabic to alert residents of the upcoming strikes.
- Israeli Air Force assets will be operating southwest of our AO, near southern Lebanon. Maintain awareness and avoid interference.

C18 : Compliance

Operation aligns with **CENTCOM directives** to prevent hostile forces from acquiring high-value military assets.

C19 : Domestics

King Hussein Air Base, Jordan : 252.950 / RWY 31

C20 : Operational Security

- **IFF Activation:** Transponders must remain off.
- **Open communications** in transit; radio discipline **only near the target area**.

C21 : What if ?

To be discussed at the oral briefing. Anticipation of situations with measures to be taken.

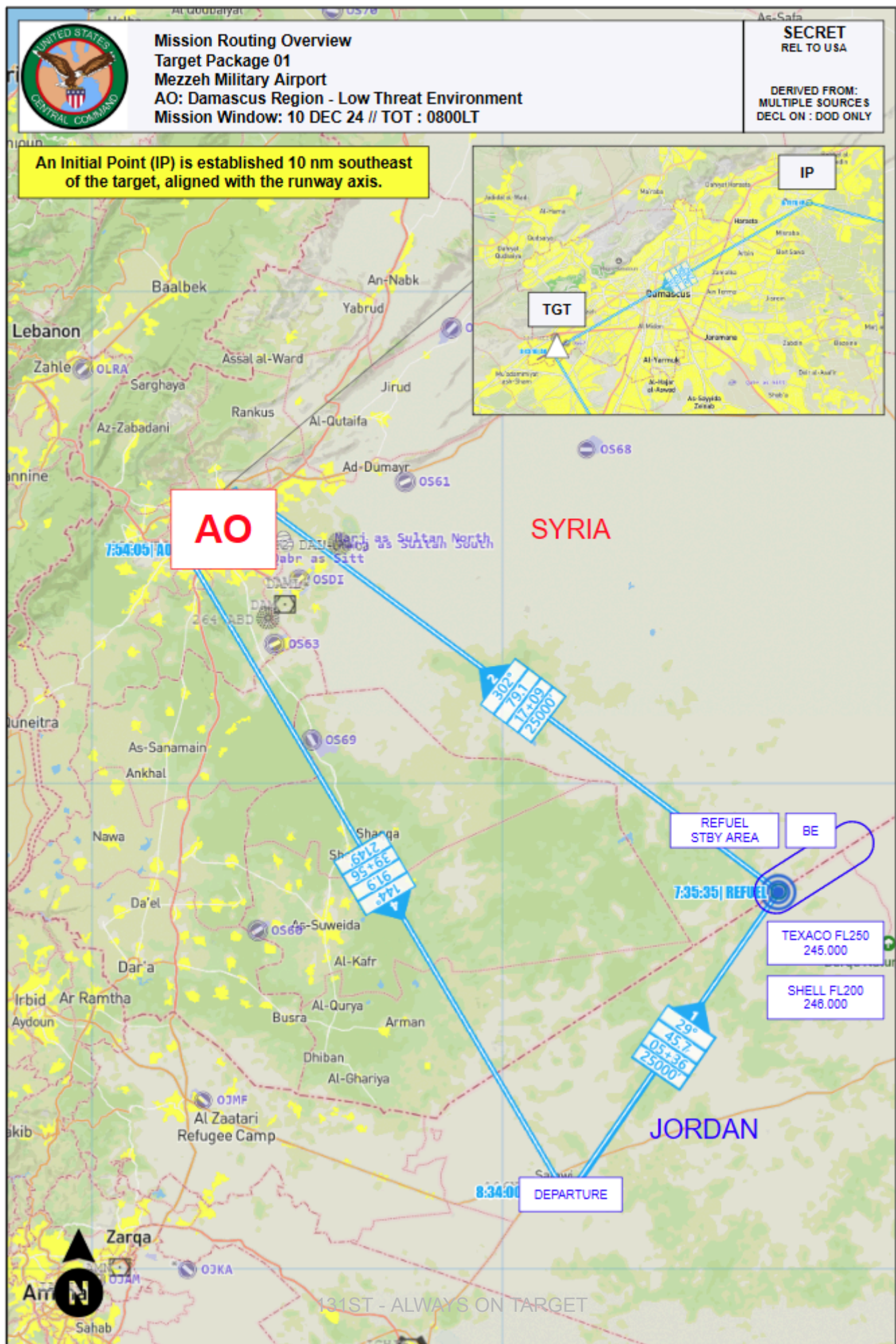
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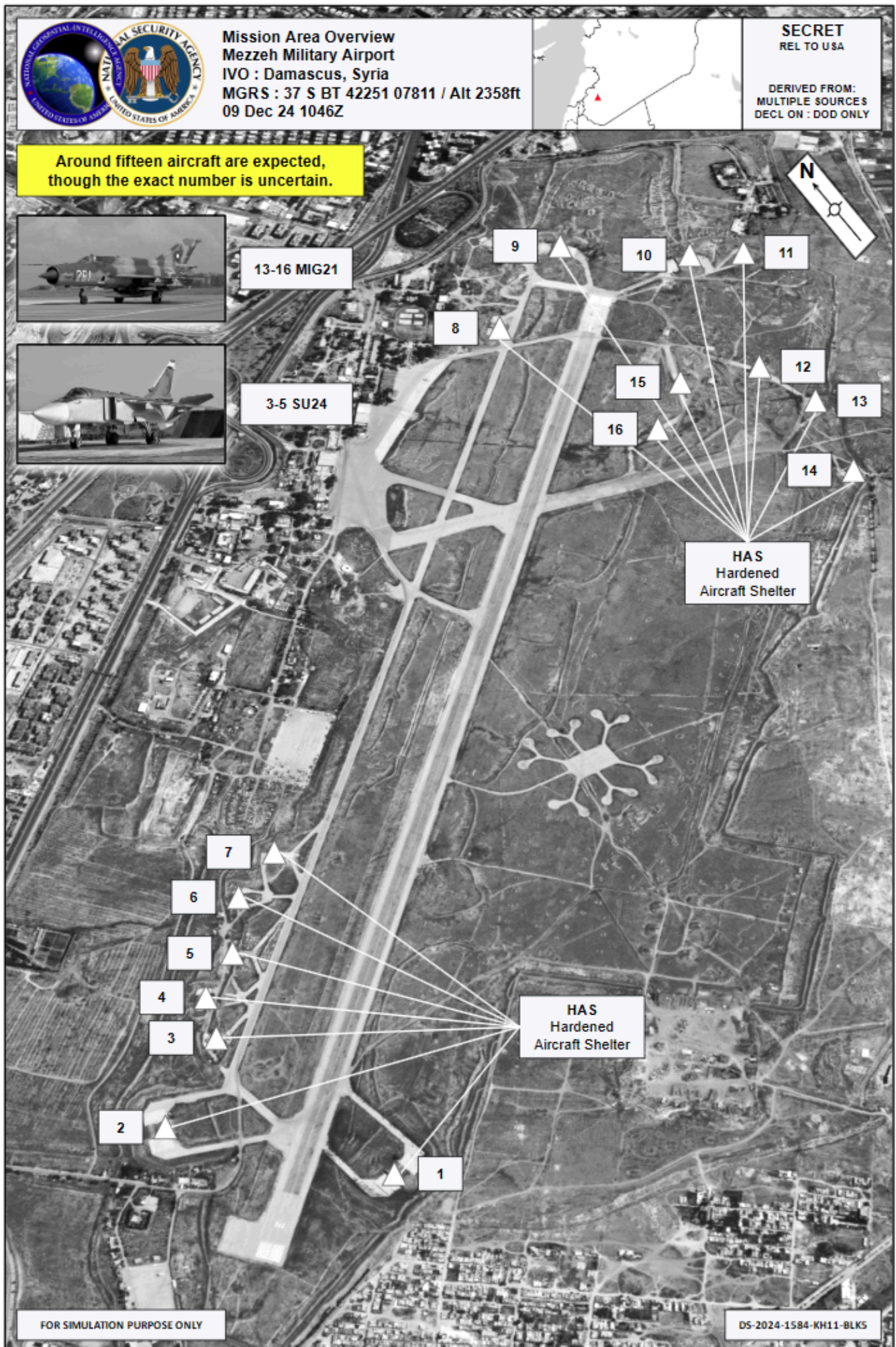
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BUD 2	2xF15E	STRIKE	AP	4xG31	0740	0800	26	1651
BANSHEE 3	4xF16C50	STRIKE	AP	4xG38	0740	0800	23	1661

CODEWORDS

GHOST: Abort mission.

JACKPOT: All targets neutralized.





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