

MISSION BRIEFING: Mission IRON DAM

Date: 23 May 2025

Time on Target (TOT): 05:30 Local

Weather: Clear, visibility 10 NM

Location: Strait of Hormuz – Iranian Coastline

SITUATION

- Tensions have escalated in the Strait of Hormuz following increased Iranian military activity. Intelligence confirms a hardened Iranian Air Defense (AD) network protecting critical infrastructure in the region.
- REC imagery has identified Minab Dam, located northeast of Bandar Abbas, as a major power and logistics hub. Destroying the dam will severely disrupt the regional command and supply chain.
- The dam is heavily defended by SA-11 Buk systems and SA-15 Tor close-in protection units. Overhead coverage is provided by a broader integrated AD network including S-300PMU2 and S-200 sites.

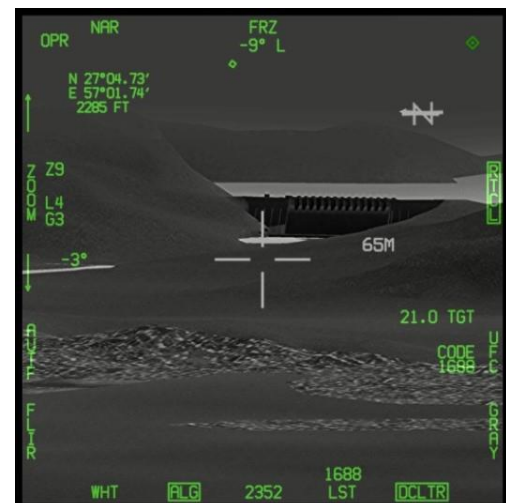
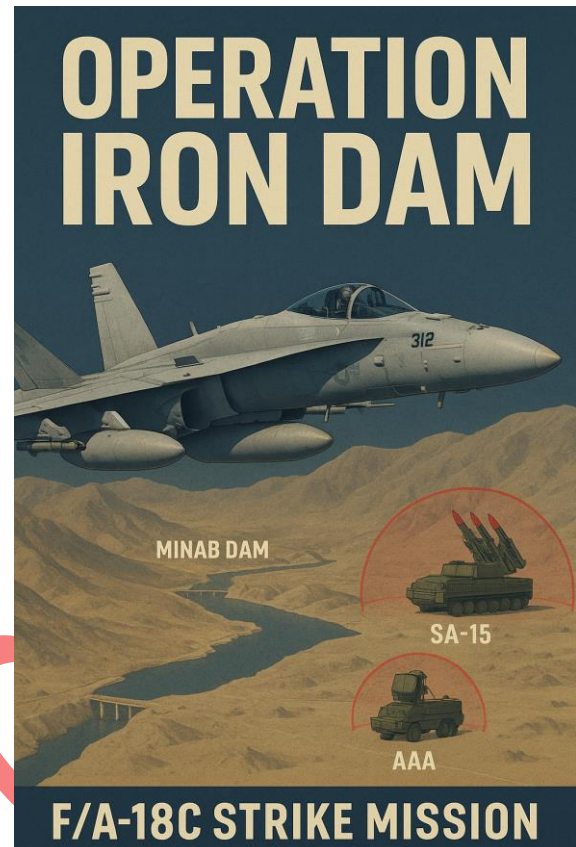
OBJECTIVE

Primary Objective:

- Destroy the **Minab Dam** using precision-guided munitions.

Secondary Objectives:

- Avoid or suppress the **SA-11** and **SA-15** systems surrounding the dam.
- Maintain air superiority and minimize Blue Force losses.



BLUE FORCE ASSETS

Strike Package (US Marines - Minhad AFB):

- **2x F/A-18C Hornets**
 - **Lead:** 2x GBU-24 Paveway III, 2x AIM-120C, 2x AIM-9X, 1x Centerline Tank
 - **Wingman:** Air-to-Air loadout (AIM-120C, AIM-9X), Escort and CAP duty

WAYPOINTS AS MISSION BOUNDARIES

- To facilitate navigation, coordination, and engagement rules, designated waypoints (WPs) have been implemented to serve as operational boundaries within the mission area.
- WP8: Target (Minab Dam)

Support Assets:

- **2x B-52H Stratofortress** (High-altitude standoff)
 - Mission: Pre-strike bombardment of long-range SAM sites (S-300, S-200)
- **AWACS** and **Tanker Support** active out of Al Dhafra and Minhad AFBs
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RED FORCE THREATS

- **Long Range SAMs:**
 - **S-300PMU2** (Hormoz Island)
 - **S-200VE Vega** (West of Bandar Abbas)
- **Medium-Short Range SAMs:**
 - Multiple **SA-11 Buk** covering key routes inland
 - Several **SA-15 Tor** units close to high-value assets
 - Dense **AAA coverage** around the dam and near Bandar Lengeh
- **Enemy Air:**
 - Multiple **MiG-29A/S Fulcrum** on QRA (Quick Reaction Alert) at Bandar Abbas AFB and Jask

MISSION FLOW

1. **B-52s** will engage long-range SAMs (S-300/S-200) in early strike window (~05:00).
2. **Hornets** will ingress under AWACS and tanker coverage, skimming the coast or using terrain masking as necessary.
3. Avoid or suppress SA-11/SA-15 to release precision GBU-24s on Minab Dam.
4. Egress via Gulf vector south, coordinated with escort and AWACS support.
5. RTB to carrier or divert to Al Dhafra if needed.

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

- Weapons free on positively identified hostile air or SAM threats.
- Do not engage civilian infrastructure or unidentified radar emissions.

NOTES

- Use terrain masking to stay below radar where possible.
- GBU-24 requires laser designation—ensure proper terminal guidance.
- Maintain distance from S-300 and S-200 until confirmed neutralized by B-52s.
- Expect MiG-29 interceptors within minutes of detection.

GOOD LUCK, PILOTS. EXECUTE WITH PRECISION.