

OPERATION HORMUZ

MISSION 11 ACT LANCET

BRIEFING MATERIAL (CLASSIFIED)



TASK ID: IF-113201

USS CVN-71

VFA-97 WARHAWKS

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SITUATION UPDATE

In the shadowed hours of Day 10, a pivotal assault orchestrated by the allied forces saw the decimation of a significant portion of the Iranian 3rd Air Wing's military assets at LAR Air Base. The meticulously planned midnight airstrike resulted in the annihilation of infrastructural nodes and critical aircraft, including the destruction of a Russian IL-76 cargo aircraft stationed at LAR Air Base. This devastating blow significantly diminished the operational capabilities of the Iranian Air Force from the western frontiers, marking a substantial reduction in aerial hostilities as observed on Day 11. The operation's success extended beyond the aerial domain, as the Iranian logistics network suffered crippling blows. Two trains, laden with arms and essential fuel supplies, were intercepted and destroyed while traversing through the North Corridor. This strategic interdiction not only severed a vital resupply line but also underlined the prowess and reach of the allied forces' precision capabilities. Concurrently, the ground forces, exemplified by the USMC 1st and 2nd Regiments, achieved a significant breakthrough in the battle for the North Corridor. This victory was not merely territorial but strategic, as it ensured control over the critical railway line, thus inhibiting any further attempts by the Iranian forces to reinforce or resupply their positions in Bandar Abbas via this route. This maneuver effectively isolated the city, rendering it vulnerable to further military actions. On the eastern flank, the allied forces continued their advance. The USMC 4th, 5th, and 6th Regiments pushed forward to the Naband River, positioning themselves strategically on the outskirts of Bandar Abbas. This tactical positioning allowed for the identification of key logistical and military installations within the city's perimeter. Intelligence assets, utilizing sophisticated surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities, identified several potential locations housing GPS jamming devices, a move that could significantly impair the allied forces' navigational efficacy. In response to this threat, the CVN-71 Strike Group was tasked to launch a surgical strike aimed at neutralizing these installations. The operation was to be carried out by a dedicated strike package, consisting of two four-ship flights of F/A-18C Hornets, each armed with precision GBU-10 laser-guided bombs. The objective was to further degrade the defensive capabilities of Bandar Abbas, ensuring air superiority and facilitating subsequent phases of the operation, and minimizing any collateral damage. This series of coordinated assaults across multiple domains underscores the strategic depth and operational flexibility of the allied forces. By leveraging superior airpower, precision strikes, and ground maneuvers, the coalition has effectively dismantled key components of the Iranian military's defensive posture in Bandar Abbas, setting the stage for future operations aimed at securing a decisive victory in the region.

PART A. MISSION BRIEFING

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MISSION BRIEFING

Hawk 1-1 is the Air Mission Commander (AMC), whilst Hawk 1-2 is the Deputy AMC. The Hawks flights are assigned for laser-guided bombing mission with GBU-10 loadout. All aircraft will start cold on deck, comms check will be performed in about 1 minute after right engine started, both teams to keep PRI COMM at Green 1, and Hawk 1 to switch AUX COMM to Yellow 1 and Hawk 2 to switch AUX COMM to Yellow 2.

A/A Bullseye point is at WP2 (ROCK). Joker fuel is 6,000 lbs and Bingo fuel is 5,500 lbs. Make sure all members in Hawks flights are in your datalink network. Check with crew to verify laser code are matched (In DCS game, this is done via setting bombs laser code from DDI STORAGE PAGE). After being cleared by the taxi director, proceed to your assigned catapult.

Case I departure with excellent visibility. After clearing 7-DME, proceed to WP1 (RV) to regroup at 25,000 feet MSL with a speed of 0.6 Mach. Once regrouped, we will push for WP2 (ROCK) and climb to 30,000 MSL with cruise speed of 0.75 Mach. During ingress, we will switch PRI COMM to Red 2 and check in with STRIKE. After checking with STRIKE, we will set our ATFLIR targeting pod laser code as per briefing. Hawk 1 will be using 1681-1684, whilst Hawk 2 will be using 1685-1688.

After passing WP2 (ROCK), we will turn for WP3 (IP) and FENCE IN. At WP3 (IP), we will contact STRIKE indicating mission ready and descend to our assigned flight level, and maintain at that level for the whole operation. Bandar Abbas is still heavily guarded with AAA, Manpads and short-range SAMs, our operation floor will be set at 15,000 feet. Colt and Chevy Flights will provide CAP cover for the Bandar Abbas operation area and airborne threats shouldn't be our concern.

Flight Lead will be in charge to allocate target and attack sequence, make sure to set deconfliction for each flight members. Hawk 1 will be using FL 22-23, and Hawk 2 will be using FL 24-25 in the Bandar Abbas operation area.

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Our objectives are 16 target sites inside Bandar Abbas City, which we must hit precisely, correctly and avoid collateral damage. Each flight will be assigned with 8 targets that scattered inside the city, through WP4 to WP11. These targets are weapon depots, command centers, radars, equipment warehouses, and we believe the enemy's GPS jamming devices are also hiding inside some of these warehouses. Identifying these targets should be easy, but you must verify the target from your targeting pod and compare them to the target images inside this briefing pack. Some of the targets are in the vicinity of civilian structures including schools, mosques and hospitals, which are clearly charted in our briefing charts. Attacking these targets requires extra caution. If you see any possible civilian activity near your target, report it to STRIKE (Use Radio F10 Menu) and abort the attack immediately. In addition, attacking these targets also requires a specific angle to avoid collateral damage, the attack course for each target can be found in our briefing tables and charts.

Once attack on these targets completed, we will report to STRIKE and egress via WP12 (EGR). Tankers will be available near WP12, but our plan is to get our job done ASAP and manage our fuel efficiently without the need to do aerial refueling before we fly back to the carrier. Last but not least, read your briefing materials carefully. Good Luck!

[Designer's Note]

1. Hawk 1-1 (Tail#211) is Mission Commander and must be seated by a Player.
2. A backup Hawk 3 Flight with 4 F/A-18C is hot on ramp with air-to-air weapons for escort role, but players can change weapon loadout for CAS or other role as needed.
3. Recovery tankers are ready on deck and will be launched upon request via F10 Radio Menu on your egress leg.
4. AI Hawk 2 will be activated if no Players sit into Hawk 2 Flight (after all Hawk 1 members outside DME-1), Players can use F10 Radio Menu to deactivate AI Hawk 2.
5. It requires at least 4 Players to complete this mission (Eight Target: A4-A11), however, if only 2 Players available, you can consider to change weapon loadout during mission start, by replacing two external fuel tanks with another two GBU-10, however, Players must perform air-to-air refueling before entering for the operation.

PART B. TACTICAL INFORMATION

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**BASIC INFORMATION**

START TIME 1-JUL-2011 1400LT (1000UTC)

SCHED LAU TIME 1410LT CASE I DEP LOC N2458E5807

EXP REC TIME 1600LT CASE I REC LOC N2448E5833

HOME FREQ 305AM TCN 71X ILS 11 LINK4 336

WX CLR SR 0528LT SS 1913LT TEMP 31C QNH 2990 WIND 283 10KTS SEA 2 GD VSBY

MISSION OBJECTIVES

Primary Destroy Key Military Assets in Bandar Abbas City (A4-A11)

Secondary Destroy Key Military Assets in Old Industry Zone (B4-B11)

Tertiary No Civilian Casualties

THREAT ANALYSIS

Air to air Iranian F-14, Mig-29 from Jiroft Airbase; F-14, Mig-29 from Sirjan Airbase

Surface to air AAA, Manpads in Bandar Abbas, Uncharted SAMs in the North Corridor

FLIGHT ROSTER

| FLIGHT | CALLSIGN | TAIL# | ROLE | A/A TCN | DATALINK | LSR CODE |
|--------|----------|-------|------|---------|----------|----------|
| Hawk 1 | Hawk 1-1 | 211 | Lead | 11X | HK11 | 1681 |
| | Hawk 1-2 | 212 | Wing | 12X | HK12 | 1682 |
| | Hawk 1-3 | 213 | Lead | 13X | HK13 | 1683 |
| | Hawk 1-4 | 214 | Wing | 14X | HK14 | 1684 |
| Hawk 2 | Hawk 2-1 | 215 | Lead | 21X | HK21 | 1685 |
| | Hawk 2-2 | 216 | Wing | 22X | HK22 | 1686 |
| | Hawk 2-3 | 217 | Lead | 23X | HK23 | 1687 |
| | Hawk 2-4 | 218 | Wing | 24X | HK24 | 1688 |

PACKAGE ELEMENTS

| FLIGHT | AIRCRAFT | NO. | TASK | TARGET |
|--------|----------|-----|-----------------|--------|
| Hawk 1 | F/A-18C | 4 | Pinpoint Strike | A4-A11 |
| Hawk 2 | F/A-18C | 4 | Pinpoint Strike | B4-B11 |

SUPPORT FLIGHT

| FLIGHT | AIRCRAFT | NO. | TASK | A/A TCN | REMARKS |
|----------|----------|-----|--------|---------|-------------------|
| Magic | E-2D | 1 | AWACS | | Callsign STRIKE |
| Darkstar | E-3A | 1 | AWACS | | Callsign DARKSTAR |
| Texaco | KC-135 | 1 | Refuel | 53X | CH10 FL250 |
| Arco | KC-130 | 1 | Refuel | 54X | CH11 FL210 |
| Shell 1 | S-3B | 1 | Refuel | 51X | CH8 |
| Shell 2 | S-3B | 1 | Refuel | 52X | CH9 |

ALTERNATE AIRFIELD

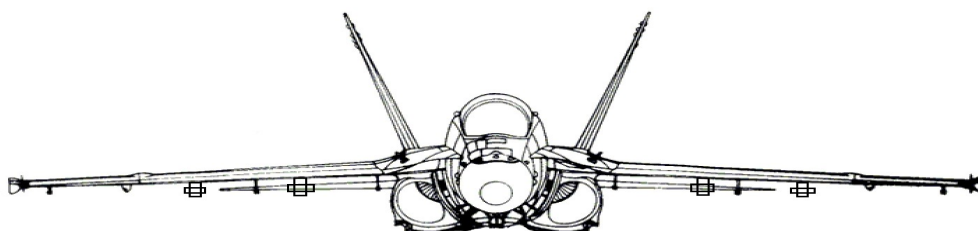
| AIRFIELD | FREQUENCY | COORDINATE | REMARKS |
|--------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Khasab | 124.350 AM | N26°10'57" E56°14'37" | Penesula north tip |
| Banda-e-Jask | 118.150 AM | N25°39'18" E57°48'06" | Controlled by allied force |

PART B. TACTICAL INFORMATION

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LOADOUT



| STATION | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|----------|----|------|----|------|----|-------|----|------|----|
| Hawk 1-1 | 9X | 84LG | WT | 120C | CT | AFLIR | WT | 84LG | 9X |
| Hawk 1-2 | 9X | 84LG | WT | 120C | CT | AFLIR | WT | 84LG | 9X |
| Hawk 1-3 | 9X | 84LG | WT | 120C | CT | AFLIR | WT | 84LG | 9X |
| Hawk 1-4 | 9X | 84LG | WT | 120C | CT | AFLIR | WT | 84LG | 9X |
| Hawk 2-1 | 9X | 84LG | WT | 120C | CT | AFLIR | WT | 84LG | 9X |
| Hawk 2-2 | 9X | 84LG | WT | 120C | CT | AFLIR | WT | 84LG | 9X |
| Hawk 2-3 | 9X | 84LG | WT | 120C | CT | AFLIR | WT | 84LG | 9X |
| Hawk 2-4 | 9X | 84LG | WT | 120C | CT | AFLIR | WT | 84LG | 9X |

| INTERNAL | GUNS | FLARE | CHAFF | TOTAL FUEL | TOTAL WEIGHT | ADV TRIM |
|----------|------|-------|-------|------------|--------------|----------|
| Hawk 1-1 | 578 | 60 | 60 | 17536 lbs | 50664 lbs | 19 |
| Hawk 1-2 | 578 | 60 | 60 | 17536 lbs | 50664 lbs | 19 |
| Hawk 1-3 | 578 | 60 | 60 | 17536 lbs | 50664 lbs | 19 |
| Hawk 1-4 | 578 | 60 | 60 | 17536 lbs | 50664 lbs | 19 |
| Hawk 2-1 | 578 | 60 | 60 | 17536 lbs | 50664 lbs | 19 |
| Hawk 2-2 | 578 | 60 | 60 | 17536 lbs | 50664 lbs | 19 |
| Hawk 2-3 | 578 | 60 | 60 | 17536 lbs | 50664 lbs | 19 |
| Hawk 2-4 | 578 | 60 | 60 | 17536 lbs | 50664 lbs | 19 |

RADIO COMMS

| L | CODE | AGCY | FREQ | R | CODE | AGCY | FREQ |
|----|----------|----------|--------|----|----------|----------|--------|
| 1 | Green 1 | Marshal | 305.00 | 1 | Green 1 | Marshal | 305.00 |
| 2 | Red 1 | Strike | 264.00 | 2 | Red 1 | Strike | 264.00 |
| 3 | Red 2 | Guardian | 265.00 | 3 | Red 2 | Guardian | 265.00 |
| 4 | Red 3 | Darkstar | 256.00 | 4 | Red 3 | Darkstar | 256.00 |
| 5 | Yellow 1 | Hawk 1 | 254.00 | 5 | Yellow 1 | Hawk 1 | 254.00 |
| 6 | Yellow 2 | Hawk 2 | 250.00 | 6 | Yellow 2 | Hawk 2 | 250.00 |
| 7 | Yellow 3 | Hornet | 270.00 | 7 | Yellow 3 | Hornet | 270.00 |
| 8 | Violet 1 | Shell 1 | 257.00 | 8 | Violet 1 | Shell 1 | 257.00 |
| 9 | Violet 2 | Shell 2 | 255.00 | 9 | Violet 2 | Shell 2 | 255.00 |
| 10 | Violet 3 | Texaco | 262.00 | 10 | Violet 3 | Texaco | 262.00 |
| 11 | Violet 4 | Arco | 259.00 | 11 | Violet 4 | Arco | 259.00 |
| 12 | Orange 1 | Devil | 268.00 | 12 | Orange 1 | Devil | 268.00 |
| 13 | Orange 2 | Chevy | 269.00 | 13 | Orange 2 | Chevy | 269.00 |
| 14 | Orange 3 | Check | 260.00 | 14 | Orange 3 | Check | 260.00 |
| 15 | Blue 1 | Raven | 263.00 | 15 | Blue 1 | Raven | 263.00 |
| 16 | Blue 2 | Dodge | 261.00 | 16 | Blue 2 | Dodge | 261.00 |
| 17 | Blue 3 | Ford | 267.00 | 17 | Blue 3 | Ford | 267.00 |
| 18 | Indigo 1 | Trek | 251.00 | 18 | Indigo 1 | Trek | 251.00 |
| 19 | Indigo 2 | Viper | 253.00 | 19 | Indigo 2 | Viper | 253.00 |
| 20 | Indigo 3 | Colt | 266.00 | 20 | Indigo 3 | Colt | 266.00 |

PART B. TACTICAL INFORMATION

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**FLIGHT PLAN (HAWK 1)**

| WP | NAME | TIME | SPEED | ALTITUDE | ACTION | REMARKS |
|------|--------|-------|-------|----------|----------|-----------------------|
| 0 | LAU | 1410L | | | Launch | Bingo 5500 lbs |
| 1 | RV | 1420L | 0.60M | MSL 25K | Regroup | Exp Push Time 1430L |
| 2 | ROCK | 1445L | 0.80M | MSL 30K | Check in | Bullseye Point |
| 3 | IP | 1450L | 0.70M | MSL 20K | Fence in | Armstrong |
| 4-11 | A4-A11 | | | | Attack | Target Points |
| 12 | EGR | 1530L | 0.75M | MSL 25K | Egress | Fence out |
| 13 | REC | 1600L | | | Landing | Recovery Tanker Ready |

FLIGHT PLAN (HAWK 2)

| WP | NAME | TIME | SPEED | ALTITUDE | ACTION | REMARKS |
|------|--------|-------|-------|----------|----------|-----------------------|
| 0 | LAU | 1410L | | | Launch | Bingo 5500 lbs |
| 1 | RV | 1420L | 0.60M | MSL 25K | Regroup | Exp Push Time 1430L |
| 2 | ROCK | 1445L | 0.80M | MSL 30K | Check in | Bullseye Point |
| 3 | IP | 1450L | 0.70M | MSL 20K | Fence in | Armstrong |
| 4-11 | B4-B11 | | | | Attack | Target Points |
| 12 | EGR | 1530L | 0.75M | MSL 25K | Egress | Fence out |
| 13 | REC | 1600L | | | Landing | Recovery Tanker Ready |

TARGET LIST (HAWK 1)

| ID | TYPE | COORDINATES | ELEVATION | COURSE | REMARKS |
|-----|----------|------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| A4 | Storage | N27°10'54", E56°15'41" | 42 ft | Free | Weapon Storage |
| A5 | Radar | N27°11'44", E56°17'59" | 58 ft | 350-010 | Early Warning Radar |
| A6 | Depot | N27°12'37", E56°18'22" | 99 ft | 125-145 | Missile Depot |
| A7 | Building | N27°11'33", E56°20'14" | 43 ft | 105-115 | Intelligence Agency |
| A8 | Building | N27°13'21", E56°20'11" | 171 ft | Free | Drone Factory |
| A9 | Storage | N27°13'04", E56°21'14" | 74 ft | Free | Warehouse |
| A10 | Storage | N27°14'33", E56°21'31" | 97 ft | Free | Warehouse |
| A11 | Building | N27°15'37", E56°23'55" | 59 ft | Free | Weapon Storage |

TARGET LIST (HAWK 2)

| ID | TYPE | COORDINATES | ELEVATION | COURSE | REMARKS |
|-----|----------|------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| B4 | Storage | N27°09'58", E56°14'20" | 27 ft | 340-010 | Weapon Storage |
| B5 | Building | N27°10'52", E56°13'13" | 77 ft | Free | Army Training Camp |
| B6 | Storage | N27°09'29", E56°12'54" | 28 ft | 055-115 | Warehouse |
| B7 | Building | N27°09'18", E56°08'40" | 34 ft | Free | Weapon Storage |
| B8 | Storage | N27°11'26", E56°06'23" | 108 ft | Free | Warehouse |
| B9 | Factory | N27°10'02", E56°04'19" | 68 ft | Free | Missile Factory |
| B10 | Radar | N27°08'57", E56°03'29" | 58 | Free | Early Warning Radar |
| B11 | Building | N27°06'40", E56°03'44" | 32 | 130-165 | Missile Storage |



FLIGHT PLAN

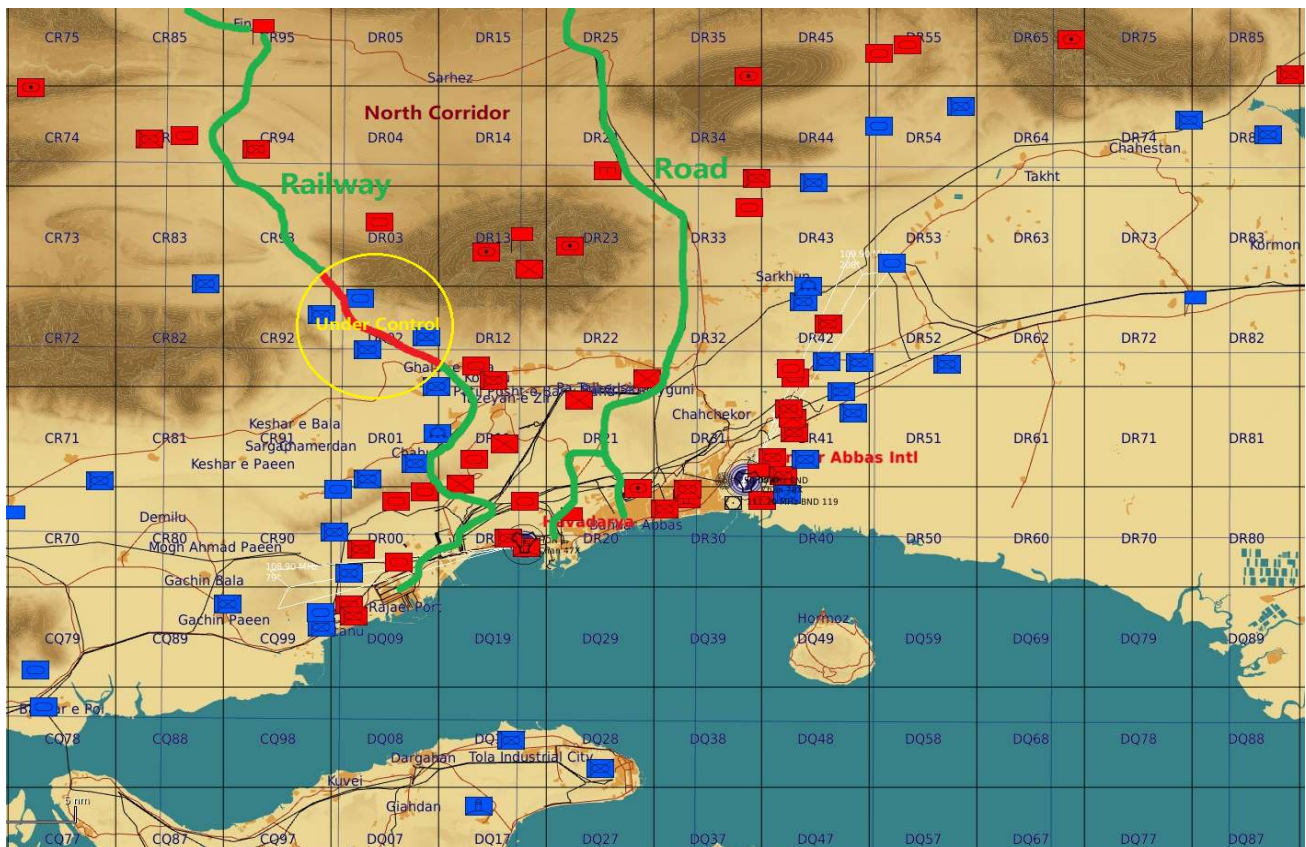


NOTE

Hawk 1 Targets are pinned from WP4 to WP11
Hawk 2 Targets are pinned from WP4 to WP11



BANDAR ABBAS SITUATION UPDATE

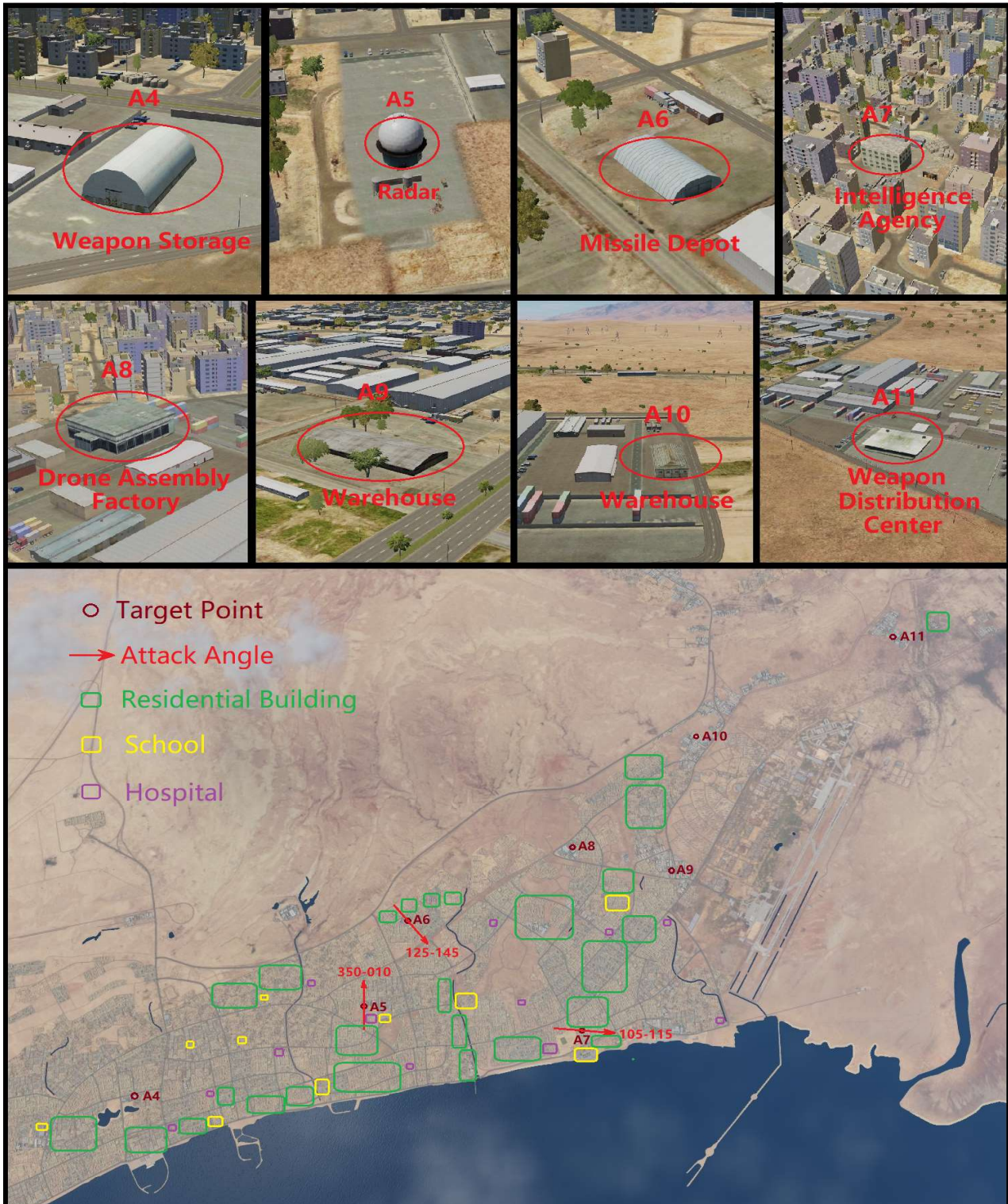


TARGETS LOCATION





HAWK 1 TARGETS





HAWK 2 TARGETS

