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PAKISTANI ARMORED REGIMENTS (S)

1. This report is an imagery-derived order of battle for Pakistani armored regiments as of July 1983. It further contributes to the satisfaction of information needs for more comprehensive Pakistani order-of-battle listings as stated in the community all-source assessment on Pakistan. The report contains one map, one table, and two annotated prints. (S/WN)

2. Imagery has confirmed the presence of 32 armored regiments at 12 locations in Pakistan (Figure 1 and Table 1). The heaviest concentration of armor is deployed in the flatlands of East-central Pakistan, near the Pakistani/Indian border. Armor is also deployed to a lesser degree in the south and in the northwest along the Pakistani/Afghan border. None has been identified in the Pakistani/Iranian border area, where only small security units are currently deployed. (Figure 1). (S/WN)

3. The armored regiments are subordinate to armored divisions, independent armored brigade groups, and infantry divisions. In addition, two of the 32 regiments, designated armored reconnaissance regiments, are reportedly directly subordinate to the armored division commanders.

ARMOR SUBORDINATION¹

Major Unit	Subordinate Units
Armored Division	Two armored brigades with two armored regiments each One armored reconnaissance regiment
Independent Armored Brigade Group	Three armored regiments
Infantry Division	One armored regiment

Imagery has confirmed armored regiments with 12 of the 16 Pakistani infantry divisions. The full complement of three armored regiments has been confirmed, on imagery, only with the independent armored brigade group at Karachi Malir; the brigade groups at Lahore and Multan have two regiments; the brigade group at Kharian has only one.² (S/WN)

4. A Pakistani armored regiment is authorized 50 armored vehicles and consists of three armored squadrons with 14 tanks each, three armored recovery vehicles (ARV), three tank dozers, and one headquarters element with two tanks. However, since the Pakistani armor inventory is currently low, most regiments number only 30-35 tanks. The armored reconnaissance regiments are authorized 67 armored vehicles, which include 35 tanks, three ARV's, three tank dozers, and 26 armored personnel carriers.¹ (S/WN)

5. The Pakistanis have two types of main battle tanks in their active inventory: the United States (US)-manufactured M48, and the Chinese-built Type-59. M48s are deployed with the regiment at Sialkot (Figure 2), and Type-59s are deployed with the independent armored brigade group at Multan (Figure 3). US-manufactured M47s, M4 Shermans, and M24s, and Soviet-built T-54/55s are also in the Pakistani inventory. However, they are obsolete and probably are not in

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FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF PAKISTANI ARMORED REGIMENTS

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Table 1
Armored Regiments Deployed in Pakistan
(Items keyed to Figure 1)

Item	Location	Units/Equipment Observed*	Type Storage	Subordination**	Item	Location	Units/Equipment Observed*	Type Storage	Subordination**
1	Jhelum Bks Div A Bde Hq [redacted]	One regt/36 Type-59	Open	Regt probably subordinate to 23rd Inf Div, 10th Corps	6	Bahawalpur Bks A Bde Hq [redacted]	One regt/30 M48 One regt/20 Type-59	Open Open	One regt subordinate to 35th Inf Div, 2nd Corps One regt, subordination unknown
2	Kharian Bks Div A Bde Hq [redacted]	One regt/32 Type-59 One regt/20 Type-59 One regt/28 Type-59 One regt/20 probable Type-59 One regt/17 probable Type-59 One regt/20 Type-59 One regt/9 Type-59	Open Open/Shed Shed Shed Shed Shed Shed	Five regts subordinate to 6th Arm Div, 1st Corps (two each to 7th and 9th Arm Bde's, one armored recon regt) One regt subordinate to 8th Ind Arm Bde Grp, 1st Corps One regt probably subordinate to 17th Inf Div, 1st Corps	7	Hyderabad Bks A Bde Hq [redacted]	One regt/37 M48	Shed	Regt probably subordinate to 18th Inf Div, 5th Corps
3	Sialkot Army Barracks and Headquarters [redacted]	One regt/32 M48 One regt/32 M48	Open Open	One regt subordinate to 15th Inf Div, 1st Corps One regt probably subordinate to 8th Inf Div, 1st Corps	8	Karachi Bks Sch ENE Malir [redacted]	One regt/40 M48 One regt/40 M48 One regt/35 Type-59	Open Open Open	Three regts subordinate to 2nd Ind Arm Bde Grp, 5th Corps
4	Lahore Area Lahore Bks Corp Div A Bde Hq [redacted] Lahore Bks Area SE Walton [redacted] Lahore Bks A Stor Area E [redacted]	 One regt/20 Type-59 One regt/18 Type-59 One regt/32 M48 One regt/32 M48	 Shed Shed Open Open	 Two regts subordinate to 3rd Ind Arm Bde Grp, 4th Corps One regt subordinate to 10th Inf Div, 4th Corps One regt subordinate to 11th Inf Div, 4th Corps	9	Quetta Bks Sch Div A Bde Hq [redacted]	One regt/33 Type-59 One regt/28 Type-59	Shed Open	One regt subordinate to 33rd Inf Div, 12th Corps One regt probably subordinate to 16th Inf Div, 12th Corps
5	Multan Area Multan Bks Corps Div Bde Hq A Ord Dpo [redacted] Multan Army Bks Ammo Stor A Bde Hq [redacted]	 One regt/21 Type-59 One regt/21 Type-59 One regt/15 Type-59 One regt/22 Type-59 One regt/6 Type-59 One regt/32 Type-59 One regt/32 Type-59	 Shed Shed Shed Shed Shed Open Open	 Five regts subordinate to 1st Arm Div, 2nd Corps (two each to 4th and 5th Arm Bde's, one armored recon regt) Two regts subordinate to 10th Ind Arm Bde Grp, 2nd Corps	10	Thal Army Bks E A Bde Hq [redacted]	One regt/23 Type-59	Open	Regt probably subordinate to 9th Inf Div, 11th Corps
					11	Peshawar Mil Cantonment A Bde Hq [redacted]	One regt/27 M48	Shed	Regt probably subordinate to 7th Inf Div, 11th Corps
					12	Nowshera Barracks A Mil Schools [redacted]	One regt/20 Type-59	Open	Installation functions as a school. Regt probably for training and not considered operational

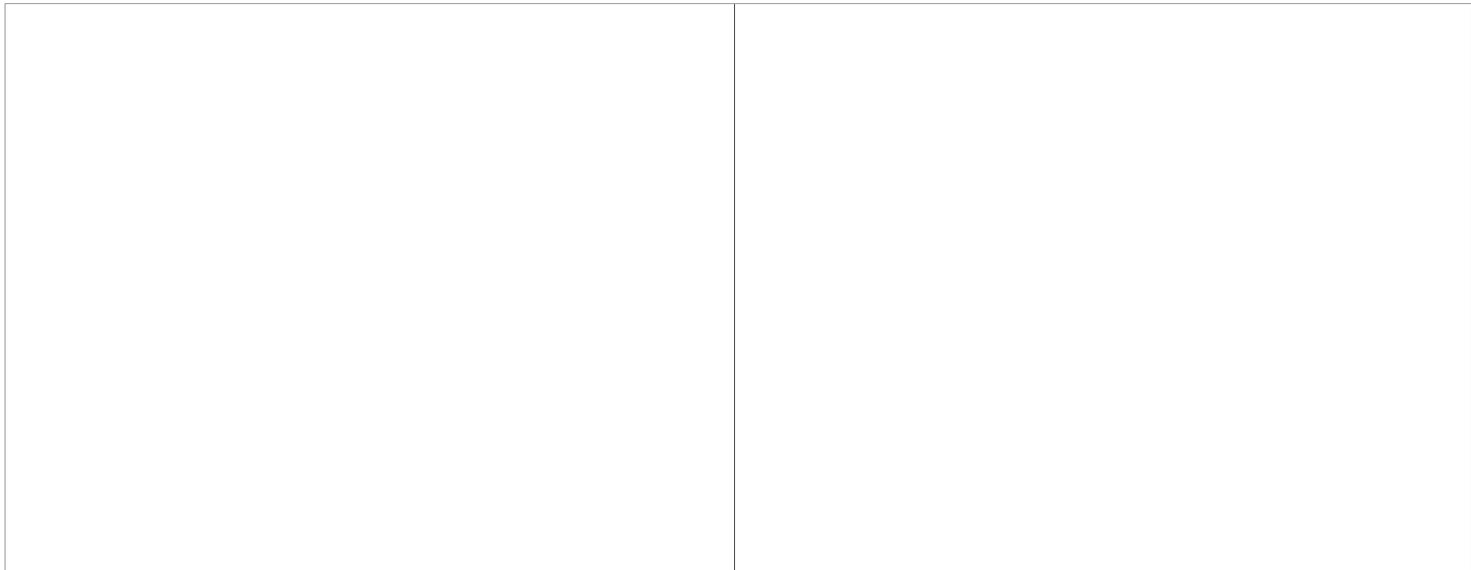
*Number observed is either highest number observed in open storage or the cumulative highest number observed in/out of sheds.

**Numerical unit designations are derived from reference document 2. Specific regiments cannot be identified by numerical designator on imagery when more than one regiment is present at an installation.

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use.² Imagery has confirmed that the M48 and Type-59 tanks have been deployed in regiments as follows:

No. of Regiments	Type Tank*
21	Confirmed Type-59
2	Probable Type-59
9	Confirmed M48

*The remaining tanks in the Pakistani inventory are either in depot storage or obsolete and not in use. (S/WN)

6. Pakistan is currently attempting to upgrade its armed forces in response to potential threats from India and Soviet-controlled Afghanistan. To achieve this goal, the Pakistanis have signed a major arms agreement with the United States. This agreement includes the purchase of 200 M48A5 tanks. At least 100 of these tanks have been delivered through June 1983. Some may have been deployed to Hyderabad Barracks Area and Bahawalpur Barracks and Brigade Headquarters, where M48-equipped armored regiments were newly identified on imagery of Septem-

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ber and December 1982, respectively. In both cases, the M48 replaced older Type-59 tanks. However, the Type-59 regiment at Bahawalpur was still present when last imaged in February 1983. In addition, the Pakistanis are reported to be negotiating with the Chinese for an additional 250 to 400 Type-59 tanks.^{3,4} (S/WN)

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