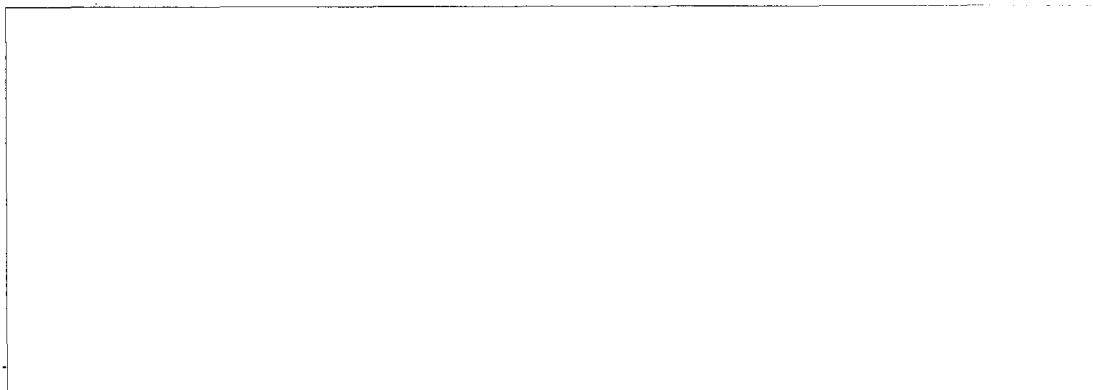


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3. Limited combat activity to be extended to central Korean front:

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A 1 June message from a Chinese tank unit in west central Korea stated that preparations would be completed, presumably prior to 7 June, and indicated that "the entire regiment" would enter battle.

Comment: There have been several other messages suggesting that previously postponed action is now imminent on the central front. This area has been relatively quiet during the recent attacks in the eastern and western sectors.

The use of a tank regiment, normally 40 tanks, presumably for artillery support, suggests that the action will be on a wider scale than recent attacks. There is no evidence that it would have more than limited objectives.



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