

Berg Airbase

Berg Airbase is a strategically located airfield situated on the northern reaches of Vandros-7. Initially established and operated by the UEG (United Earth Government) to support air superiority and logistics across the northern archipelago, the base has since been hastily abandoned, leaving behind a wealth of aircraft and equipment. Now lying in a state of partial ruin, Berg Airbase is a potential game-changer in the ongoing conflict between the Iron Star Union and UEG forces.

History

Berg Airbase was constructed during the early colonial expansion of Vandros-7, designed to support aerial operations and facilitate rapid deployment across the northern industrial zones. It served as a vital hub for transporting goods, medical supplies, and personnel, while also housing a variety of aircraft capable of providing air cover and reconnaissance.

During the early phases of the current insurrection, Berg Airbase played a key role in UEG efforts to maintain control over the northern territories. However, as conflict intensified and Union forces pushed back against UEG outposts, the base was deemed unsustainable. In the ensuing chaos, UEG forces evacuated hastily, leaving behind a trove of aircraft, helicopters, and supplies that now lie scattered and unused across the tarmac.

Current Status

Since the UEG's withdrawal, Berg Airbase has remained largely abandoned, with minimal presence from either UEG or Union forces. However, this status could change rapidly, given the significant assets still present at the site. The airbase is littered with hastily abandoned equipment, including:

- **Aircraft:** Several **D77-TC Pelican** dropships, **AV-14 Hornets**, and **SkyHawk VTOLs**, all in varying states of disrepair. While many are likely non-operational, some could be salvaged and restored with time and effort, potentially tipping the balance of air superiority in favor of the faction that gains control of them.
- **Helicopters:** A variety of transport and attack helicopters, including **UH-144 Falcons**, left behind during the evacuation. These could provide rapid deployment and close-air support capabilities, vital for any operations across the northern region.
- **Equipment and Supplies:** Hangers and storage facilities contain a mix of weapons, spare parts, and munitions, many of which are still usable. Fuel reserves, although partially depleted, could support limited flight operations if accessed.

Strategic Importance

The current state of Berg Airbase presents both a risk and an opportunity. Its proximity to the northern archipelago makes it an ideal staging ground for air operations. If the Iron Star Union were

to secure the airbase and restore its aircraft, they could establish a significant air presence over the northern territories, challenging UEG and UNSC air superiority. Conversely, if UEG forces were to reclaim and reactivate the airbase, they could solidify control over the northern skies and bolster their counterinsurgency efforts.

With Union scouts occasionally reported in the vicinity, both the UEG and Iron Star Union are keenly aware of the base's potential. The question remains whether either side can secure Berg Airbase before the other and bring its assets back into the conflict.

Potential Threat to Air Superiority

If left unattended, there is a growing risk that Union engineers and mechanics could restore some of the aircraft at Berg Airbase. This could drastically alter the aerial dynamics in the region, giving the Union an upper hand in operations around the northern archipelago. ONI analysts have flagged the airbase as a critical point of interest, warning that a significant delay in securing the area could lead to a loss of UEG air superiority.

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