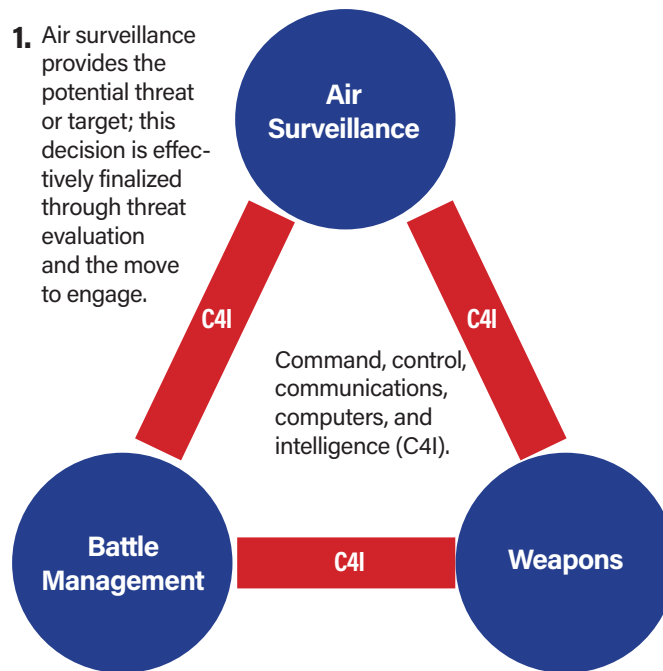


How Integrated Air Defense Systems (IADS) Work

1. Air surveillance provides the potential threat or target; this decision is effectively finalized through threat evaluation and the move to engage.



2. Battle management represents a key transition from identifying a threat to committing against that threat through command decisions.

3. The role and responsibility of a weapon system informs a decision-maker's selection to ensure a relatively efficient engagement, balanced against the variety of threats that may exist at the same time or in a similar geographic region (such as an IADS' area of responsibility).

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