

SYVRIS

Astronavigation Data: Syvris system, Al'Nasri sector, Outer Rim Territories

Orbital Metrics: 340 days per year/20 hours per day

Government: Hutt cartels

Population: Indeterminate

Languages: Basic

Terrain: Craters

Major Cities: None

Areas of Interest: Syvris shadowport

Major Exports: Criminal wares

Major Imports: Criminal wares

Trade Routes: Hollastin Run, Triellus Trade Route

Background: Syvris was a moon in Hutt Space. It was a favorite haunt of spice smugglers. Many of the moon's residents were smugglers, who lived and worked at a shadowport located in its largest crater. The shadowport was run by a former pirate named Rance. Some were convinced that Rance had a direct hand in controlling the port's spice trade. If he did, he kept his involvement subtle.

Syvris was located on the border between Hutt Space and Imperial-controlled space. As a result, it was a common refueling stop for those traveling the Triellus Trade Route either entering or leaving Hutt Space. The



Triellus Trade Route had slow travel times plagued by pirates, slavers, and other criminals, and was typically avoided by lawful spacers.

Syvris was subjugated by Imperial forces shortly before the Battle of Hoth. Some analysts believed it might have been a token show of power to curtail smuggler shipments to and from hidden elements of the Rebellion. Some thought the shadowport was mistaken for a Rebel Alliance installation.

A SURPRISE ATTACK

In a surprise attack, elements of the Imperial fleet's Death Squadron destroyed the shadowport on the crater moon of Syvris. The smuggler enclave was bombarded by Star Destroyer turbolaser batteries, then gutted by AT-ST walker units and Imperial ground troops.

Days before the attack, shadowport control tracked an escape pod which landed on the moon's far side. When a patrol found the craft, it was empty. Some believe the pod carried an Imperial spy who scouted the moon and somehow reported the shadowbase's location back to the fleet.

Some survivors suspected the shadowport was betrayed by the Mon Calamari smuggler Basz Maliyu, who conveniently raised ship from the port hours before the Imperial Star Destroyers arrived. Although Maliyu had mostly run cargoes for crime syndicates, some believe he was really working for the Empire.

Most spacers at the shadowport had enough time to blast off and evade the Imperial assault. The initial turbolaser bombardment leveled the base, and only a few TIE fighter picket patrols were stationed to take parting shots at fleeing smugglers. Unfortunately, Rance, the retired pirate who ran the shadowport, remained behind to die with his station.