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1. [REDACTED] while King Tal'al was in Switzerland (before ascending the Jordanian throne on 6 September 1951) Prince Na'if was conspiring in 'Amman to seize the throne. The following individuals were involved in the plot with Na'if: Jalis Bey Majali, commander of the Hashimite Regiment; Shaykh Amin Shanqiti; Muhammad Shurayki; and Falah Madadhah. 1
2. The Hashimite Regiment, which is garrisoned in 'Amman, was to have effected a coup d'état, arresting the members of the Council of Ministers. If the plot had succeeded, Muhammad Shurayki would have become head of the Jordanian Army.
3. The plot was discovered by Tal'al's wife who was told about it by one of the maidservants in the Royal Palace. Tal'al's wife immediately notified Tal'al, who informed Prime Minister Tawfiq Pasha Abu-al-Huda, who then got in touch with Glubb Pasha.
4. Glubb Pasha broke up the plot by ordering the Hashimite Regiment to dispatch some of its units to various parts of Jordan; he then dispersed the remaining units.
5. The Jordanian Government took the necessary steps to maintain order and sent Sa'id Pasha Mufti to Switzerland to inform Tal'al of the situation and to insist that he return immediately to take the throne.

25X1X6. [REDACTED] King Tal'al knows who his enemies are and will attempt to get rid of them within a short time. As a proof of this,

25X1X [REDACTED] Falah Madadhah has already been ousted from the Jordanian Cabinet.

25X1A [REDACTED] Majali's first name has been reported variously as Jalis, Habis, and Habib.

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