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(U) 29 JUNE 1990 (SUBHEAD) QUOTING THE IRAQI INTELLIGENCE, THE GENERAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE TOLD US THAT THE ZIONIST ENTITY WOULD CARRY OUT AN AIR RAID ON IRAQ AND LIBYA WITHIN HOURS AND THAT IT INSTALLED LONG-RAGE MISSILES IN THE NEGEV DESERT. OUR UNITS WERE PUT ON ALERT. 17 MARCH 1990 (SUBHEAD) TODAY MARKS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE GLORIOUS 17-30 MARCH REVOLUTION OF 1968, WHICH WAS, IN ONE ASPECT, A REPLY TO THE JUNE SETBACK AND ITS HATEFUL CONSEQUENCES AND A BEGINNING OF A COMPREHENSIVE, TRUE ARAB AWAKENING. THE SITUATION WITH KUWAIT WORSENEDED AFTER THE ZIONISTS AND THE AMERICANS ENCOURAGED THE KUWAITI RULERS TO HARM IRAQ UNDER THIS DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCE. THESE RULERS WORKED WITH THE AMERICANS TO TURN KUWAIT INTO A BASIS FOR CONSPIRACY. SO, SCHWARZKOPF CARRIED OUT AN EXERCISE IN KUWAIT WITHOUT UNITS, AND THE ENEMY WAS IRAQ. REALIZING THE EXTENT OF THE CONSPIRACY AGAINST A COUNTRY THAT DEFENDS

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THE ARAB NATION'S CAUSES, THE IRAQIS REPEATED THE FOLLOWING WORDS CONTAINED IN THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH: "IT IS BETTER FOR US TO DIE THAN TO LOSE OUR LIVELIHOOD." AT THAT TIME IRAQI WAS FACING PAINFUL, DIFFICULT SITUATIONS FROM EVERY DIRECTION. KUWAIT STARTED TO INCREASE ITS OIL PRODUCTION QUOTA IN VIOLATION OF THE OPEC RESOLUTION, DECREASING OIL PRICES AND NEGATIVELY AFFECTING THE ECONOMY OF IRAQ, WHICH HAD EMERGED FROM A LENGTHY WAR WITH IRAN. SOME BROTHERS STOOD BY THE ENEMIES, AND THE SITUATION MAY LEAD TO GRAVE CONSEQUENCES. 19 JUNE 1990 (SUBHEAD) FOLLOWING OUR DISCUSSION WITH THE REPUBLICAN GUARDS COMMAND, THE AL-RA'D MISSILE BATTALION "LUNA" OF BRIGADE 225 WAS ORDERED TO MOVE TO AL-BASRAH. 22 JUNE 1990 (SUBHEAD) THE REPUBLICAN GUARDS UNIT UNDER OUR COMMAND WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE WESTERN REGION. 31 JUNE 1990 (SUBHEAD) WE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT THE ZIONIST ENEMY WAS PLANNING TO CARRY OUT AN AIR RAID AGAINST IRAQ WITHIN A FEW DAYS. OUR UNITS WERE PUT ON ALERT. WE HAD PREPARED FOR A TRAINING ON THE ACTION PLAN IN THE WESTERN THEATER AND OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, AND WE CHOSE THE BAGHDAD-AL-KUT-AL-'AMARAH AND BAGHDAD-AL-HILLAH-AL-NASIRIYAH ROADS INSTEAD OF BAGHDAD-AL-RATBAH-AL-QA'IM ROAD. FOR THIS PURPOSE, WE MADE OUR REAR TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS IN BA'QUBAH, MAKING AL-RAMADI AND BAGHDAD FRIENDLY POSITIONS AND THE CITY OF KUWAIT AND AL-AHMADI TARGETS INSIDE THE ZIONIST ENTITY. IN TERMS OF DISTANCE CALCULATIONS, EXERCISES ARE MUCH EASIER IN CITIES COMPARED TO THE WESTERN REGION. NO UNITS WERE USED TO CONDUCT THE EXERCISE. WE WERE CONTENT WITH CONDUCTING THE BATTLES BY TELEPHONE BECAUSE THE CRISIS WAS ESCALATING IN JULY 1990. ON THE CALL DAY OF 2 AUGUST 1990, SOME OFFICERS OF THE DIRECTORATE CAME AND INSPECTED THE EXERCISE PLANS ON THE MEETING TABLE, BELIEVING THAT I KNEW THE DETAILS OF THE ACTION PLAN AGAINST KUWAIT. IN FACT, I KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THAT. WHAT WAS REALLY REGRETTABLE WAS THAT THE RULERS OF KUWAIT BACKED THE ZIONISTS IN AN AGGRESSION AGAINST THE IRAQ OF DIGNITY AND ARABISM. 1 AUGUST, 1990 (SUBHEAD) THE MISSILE BRIGADE 224 WAS MOVED TO THE WESTERN REGION TO BE ABLE TO QUICKLY REPLY TO THE ZIONIST ENTITY IF IT ATTACKED IRAQ. (DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE: INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER OFTEN CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES. INTERNET VERSION IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT [HTTP://WWW.ALARAB-ALYAWM.COM.JO](http://www.alarab-alyawm.com.jo)) THIS REPORT MAY CONTAIN COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL. COPYING AND DISSEMINATION IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE COPYRIGHT OWNERS. (ENDALL) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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