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(U) AT NOON, SURROUNDED BY MY OFFICERS, I MUST HAVE GONE INTO A REVERIE. FOR I ROAMED THE STREETS OF BELOVED PALESTINE, THE HOLY ARAB LAND AND SPOT FROM WHICH PROPHET MUHAMMAD ASCENDED TO THE SEVEN HEAVENS. HOW BEAUTIFUL HAIFA LOOKED ALSO FROM THE SEA! THERE WAS A PAUSE. THEN MY EYES FOCUSED ON THE BRIGHT GREEN PATCHES ON THE BIG MAP OF PALESTINE I POSTED ON THE WALL. IT WAS INDEED HUGE WITH A 6,000/1 SCALE AND ITS SQUARES HAD MARKINGS RELATED TO OUR OPERATIONS. THAT MAP CONTINUED TO BE THE SUBJECT OF OUR PRIDE AND ADMIRATION AS IT REPRESENTED THE LAND AND THE CAUSE OF OUR STRUGGLE, THE PALESTINE QUESTION. AT 2200 HOURS, AS I WAS STILL WORKING ON THE COORDINATES WITH THE HELP OF THE SQUARES ON THE MAP WHEN THE PHONE RANG. THE SPEAKER ON THE OTHER SIDE WAS THE COMMANDER OF BRIGADE 224 INFORMING ME ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF ENEMY INFILTRATORS IN THE WESTERN REGION. I IMMEDIATELY ORDERED PROTECTION FOR THE LAUNCHERS AS FIRST

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PRIORITY. I THEN ORDERED SE [REDACTED] THE HIGHWAY, USING TROOPS FROM THE COMMANDO BRIGADE OF THE 1V ARMY CORPS TO PROTECT ROADS AND BRIDGES. I EMPHASIZED THAT THE TROOPS MUST STAY CLOSE TO THE LAUNCHERS LIKE PERSONAL GUARDS. I ORDERED BRIGADE 224 TO HELP CAPTURE OR LIQUIDATE THE INFILTRATORS. MEANWHILE, I INFORMED THE GENERAL COMMAND OF THE ARMED FORCES ABOUT THE SUBJECT AND AT THE SAME TIME CHECKED THE ORDER FOR THE SIXTH STRIKE ON THE ZIONIST ENTITY AND HOSTILE TARGETS IN SAUDI ARABIA. AT 2250 HOURS, A MISSILE WAS FIRED ON AN ENEMY TARGET IN RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA. AND AT 2300 HOURS, FOUR MISSILES WERE FIRED ON TEL AVIV AND ONE ON HAIFA. 27 JANUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) I WAS STUDYING THE LEADER'S 21 JANUARY 1991 ORDER TURNING OVER THE MISSILES DIRECTORATE TO THE MISSILE CORPS COMMAND WHEN THE COMMANDER OF BRIGADE 224 CALLED TO SAY THAT OUR UNITS SUCCEEDED IN CAPTURING A GROUP OF INFILTRATORS AND KILLING SOME OF THEM. THE COMMANDER SAID THAT THEY FOUND IN THEIR POSSESSION WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, COMPASSES, AND RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS MAPS. HE SAID THE INFILTRATORS SPENT THE WHOLE OF LAST WEEK NEAR SA'D BASE AND THEN WALKED TO THE 180 KM AREA. DIDN'T I SAY THAT GOD IS OUR PROTECTOR FROM THE EYES AND PLOTS OF THE ENEMIES? 28 JANUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) I ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS ON FUTURE USE OF EQUIPMENT AND THE NEED FOR PRECAUTION, CONCEALMENT, PRESERVATION OF LAUNCHERS, REDUCTION OF THE ACTIVE FORCE, AND MAINTENANCE WORK ON LAUNCHERS. I ASSIGNED THE ROLE OF SUPERVISION TO THE RESERVIST AND MAINTENANCE UNITS, AND EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR EVERYONE TO BE READY TO CARRY OUT MAJOR STRIKES WITH FULL FORCE IN CERTAIN CASES. MY INSTRUCTIONS ALSO CALLED FOR CONTINUING WORK ON MORE THAN ONE AXIS AND AREA, BOTH IN THE WEST OR THE EAST, AND THE NEED TO TIGHTEN SECURITY ON ROADS AND BRIDGES AND TO SPEED UP WORK IN GENERAL. FOR I NOTICED THAT SOME COMMAND UNITS TENDED TO BE A BIT SLOW. FURTHERMORE, MY INSTRUCTIONS CALLED FOR CLOSER LIAISON AND COMMUNICATION, AS I WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH SOME OF THE MEASURES TAKEN BY BRIGADE 223 WHICH AFFECTED CONTROL OPERATIONS. "THE ENEMY HAS LOST ITS SENSES COMPLETELY," CRIED OUT CAPTAIN FARIS HAZIM, THE COMMAND OPERATIONS OFFICER I NICKNAMED "SPRIGHTLY OFFICER!" MY RECOLLECTION OF CAPTAIN FARIS, WHEN I SAW HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A MISSILE UNIT, WAS THAT HE SPOKE SOFTLY AND MOVED SLOWLY. SO, I WAS SURPRISED TO FIND HIM IN THIS PLACE WHICH CALLED FOR QUICK ACTION. BUT, IT IS A FACT THAT I COULD NO LONGER DISPENSE WITH HIS WORK. THAT CALM FACADE HID A BRILLIANT BRAIN. SO, WE GOT ACCUSTOMED TO LISTENING PATIENTLY TO HIS WORDS, WHICH REMAINED CALM EVEN IN THE MOST SENSITIVE AND CRUCIAL MOMENTS. WHAT IS IT? I ASKED. THE ENEMY IS DIRECTING INTENSE FIRE ON AL-QA'IM, HE SAID. THERE IS NOTHING NEW ABOUT THAT, I REMARKED. HE SAID: THE NEW THING IS THAT THE ENEMY HAS DIRECTED ITS FIRE ON THE HIGHWAY BETWEEN KILOMETERS 160 AND 190, BOMBING CIVILIAN CARS AND TRUCKS COMING FROM JORDAN. THE ENEMY IS KILLING DEFENSELESS CHILDREN AND CIVILIANS IN TENTS. O GOD, TAKE VENGEANCE ON THE ZIONISTS, THE AMERICAN TYRANTS, AND THEIR COLLABORATORS AMONG THE TRAITORS OF OUR NATION IN THIS WORLD AND THE LIFE HEREAFTER; AND HAVE MERCY ON ALL OF OUR MARTYRS. (MORE) 10 NOV [REDACTED] STAFF BRIGADIER GENERAL 'ABD-AL-QADIR AND COLONEL GHANIM NEEDED AN EXPLANATION. I TOLD THEM: THE MATTER IS VERY SIMPLE. THE ENEMY IS UNDER THE WRONG IMPRESSION THAT THE CIVILIAN TRUCKS AND CARS ARE CAMOUFLAGE FOR OUR LAUNCHERS, OR THAT THEY CARRIED MISSILES, OR THAT SOME OF OUR WEAPONS ARE IN BEDOUIN TENTS. INDEED, THE ENEMY WENT CRAZY. IT COVERED THE REGION DAY AND NIGHT. ITS INFILTRATION ALSO CONTINUED BY HELICOPTER AND LAND. NEVERTHELESS, OUR MISSILES CONTINUE TO BE HURLED ON THEM FROM THE SAME REGION, THANKS TO THE MIGHTY EFFORTS OF OUR OFFICERS

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AND NOC'S. INDEED, I CAN STILL IMAGINE THE NOC TECHNICIANS WAITING FOR THE MISSILE TO BE LAUNCHED TO WHISK THE LAUNCHER AWAY TO ANOTHER SAFE HIDING PLACE. THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF CHIVALRY AND NOBILITY WHICH SADDAM HUSAYN INSTILLED IN EVERYONE OF US. THIS IS THE BRIGHT PICTURE, WHICH IS REMINISCENT OF THE HEROISM OF THE FIRST ARAB ERA. AT 1845 HOURS, THE 19TH BATTERY FIRED A MISSILE IN THE DIRECTION OF A HOSTILE TARGET IN RIYADH. IT WAS FOLLOWED BY THE FOURTH BATTERY, WHICH FIRED ANOTHER MISSILE IN THE DIRECTION OF TEL AVIV AT 2205 HOURS. AT 2230 HOURS, THE OPERATIONAL MISSILE CONTROL CENTER INFORMED US ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE AIR RAIDS ON THE SOUTHERN SECTOR, WHERE A TACTICAL LAUNCHER BELONGING TO THE SECOND BATTALION OF BRIGADE 225 WAS HIT. TWO OFFICERS AND TWO MEN WERE MARTYRED AND OTHER FIGHTERS WERE INJURED. (MORE) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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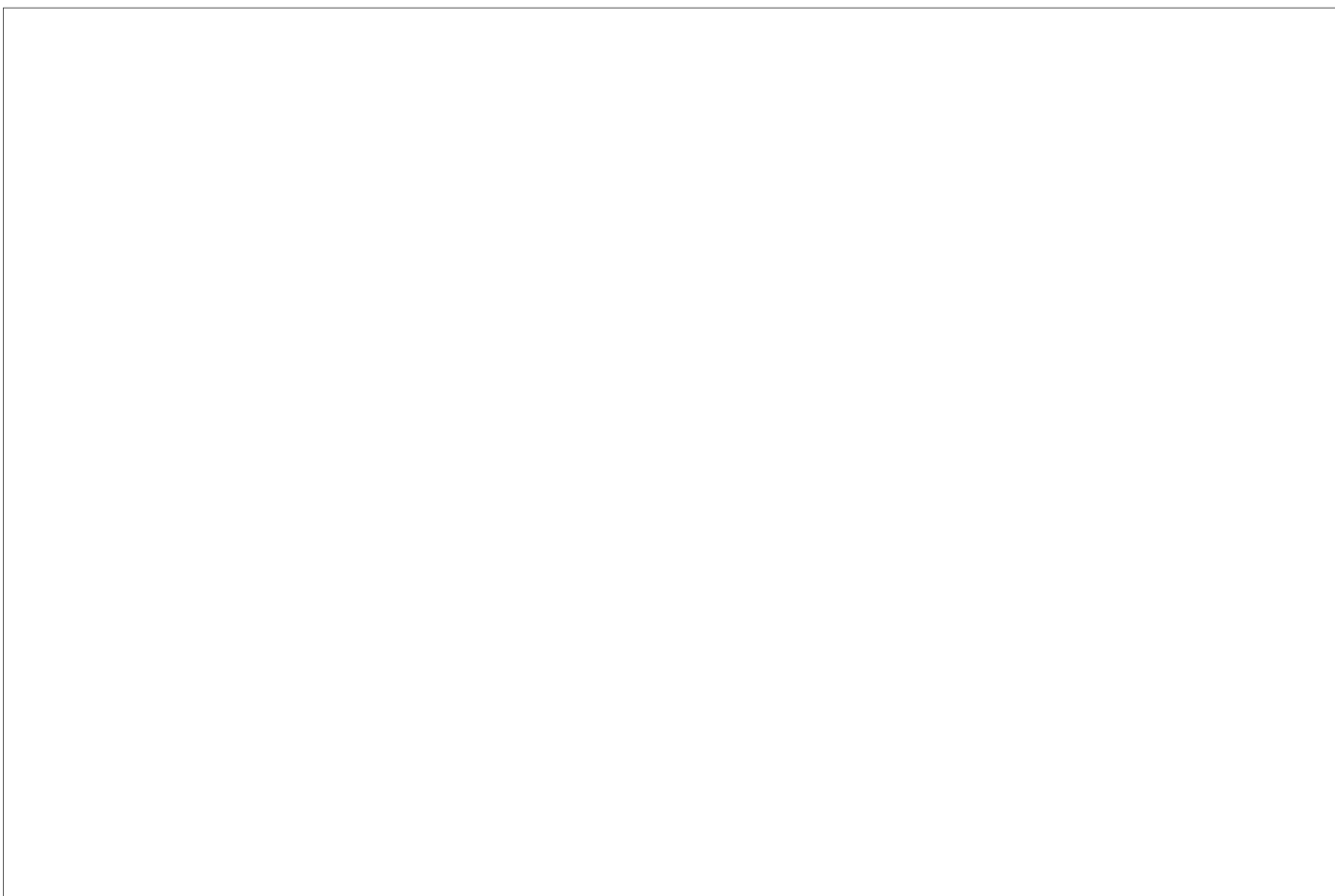
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