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(U) SOURCE: AMMAN AL-'ARAB AL-YAWM IN ARABIC 10 NOV 98 P 12 TEXT:

(U) WE SEIZED A LAND ROVER WITH WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT IN AL-ANBAR BASE AFTER WOUNDING ITS DRIVER. THE VEHICLE, WHICH BELONGED TO A BRITISH PATROL, WAS HANDED TO THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE. (MORE) 10 NOV

[REDACTED] RAISED THE RECEIVER TO HEAR THE VOICE OF CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL HUSAYN RASHID, LOUD AND CLEAR FROM THE SOUTH. HOW ARE YOU ABU-MUHAMMAD? FINE, SIR. MAY GOD GIVE YOU STRENGTH. HOW ABOUT THE MEN? FINE, SIR, AND THE MORALE IS HIGH. WE WISH YOU WELL. DON'T FORGET THE FAN, HE REMARKED CRYPTICALLY. YES SIR, HOW COULD I FORGET! STAFF LIEUTENANT GENERAL SULTAN HASHIM, THE ASSISTANT CHIEF FOR OPERATIONS, THEN TOOK THE PHONE FROM THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND ASKED ME TO TAKE TO TAKE CARE OF MY MEN AND BE CAREFUL. HE THEN SAID LAUGHINGLY: AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF SAID, BE LIKE A FAN. THE MEANING WAS CLEAR TO ME. THEY WERE EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO KEEP THE LAUNCHERS MOVING FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER FOR PROTECTION. I HAVE

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BEEN FOLLOWING THE SITUATION IN THE WESTERN REGION SINCE 2700 HOURS. APPROVED FOR RELEASE: 2018/10/09 C06765452

BECAUSE THE COMMANDER OF THE FIRST COMMANDO BRIGADE OF THE 1V ARMY CORPS TOLD ME THAT THERE WAS AIR AND ARTILLERY BOMBING ON THE AREA BETWEEN THE OLD AL-RUTBAH ROAD AND THE HIGHWAY, ESPECIALLY THE AREA BEHIND THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT KILOMETER 190 I INQUIRED FROM HIM ABOUT THE SOURCE OF THE ARTILLERY SHELLING. HE SAID IT CAME FROM THE SOUTHWEST AND COVERED THE ENTIRE KILOMETER 160 AREA. I TOOK STEPS TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION. AT 1150 HOURS, I HELD A MEETING WITH THE COMMANDERS OF THE BRIGADES, THE COMMANDER OF THE TECHNICAL BATTALION, AND THE MOVEMENTS OFFICERS. I EXPLAINED THE STEPS FOR THE NEXT MISSILE STRIKE AS WELL AS THE NECESSARY MEASURES FOR AIR DEFENSE ACCORDING TO THE POTENTIAL AREAS FOR ACTION. AT 1810, THE HEADQUARTERS OF BRIGADE 224 INFORMED US THAT SIX ENEMY ARMORED CARS WERE ATTACKING THE FIRST BATTALION OF THE FIRST COMMANDO BRIGADE. I ORDERED THE THIRD BATTALION PLUS TWO COMPANIES, WHICH WERE SECONDED TO BRIGADE 224, TO IMMEDIATELY RETURN TO THE FIRST COMMANDO BRIGADE FOR SUPPORT, PROVIDED THAT THEY WERE FULLY MECHANIZED; MEANING MOTORIZED. I ASSIGNED ADDITIONAL VEHICLES FOR THE TASK FORCE. I ALSO INFORMED THE GENERAL COMMAND OF THE SITUATION AND REQUESTED ASSISTANCE BY ALERTING NEARBY UNITS TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE COMMANDO BRIGADE. AT 1900 HOURS, THE ENEMY ARMORED CARS WITHDREW WHILE ENEMY AIRCRAFT BEGAN BOMBING. AT 2125 HOURS, THE THIRD BATTERY FIRED A MISSILE ON TEL AVIV. IT WAS THE NINTH STRIKE ON THE ZIONIST ENTITY. 3 FEBRUARY 1991 (SUBHEAD) AT 0050 HOURS, THE 15TH BATTERY FIRED ONE MISSILE ON HOSTILE TARGETS IN RIYADH. AT 0237 HOURS, THE FIRST BATTERY FIRED ANOTHER MISSILE ON TEL AVIV. I AND THE STAFF OFFICERS STAYED AWAKE TONIGHT TO WORK OUT NEXT WEEK'S PLAN FOR ATTACKING HOSTILE TARGETS IN DHAHRAN, RIYADH, HAIFA, AND TEL AVIV. WE GAVE A SYMBOL TO EACH TARGET AND WERE VERY PLEASED. BUT THE COMMUNICATION OFFICER, QAYS HASABALAH AHMAD, SUDDENLY FELL ILL. THE RESIDENT DOCTOR STAYED WITH HIM. WE, TOO, SAT NEARBY TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL WAS WELL. THE OFFICER WAS A REAL PROFESSIONAL. IN FACT, THIS GOES FOR ALL THE OFFICERS AT HEADQUARTERS. THEY WERE A HOMOGENOUS GROUP WHO COOPERATED WITH ONE ANOTHER IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR DUTIES. THIS EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT ME COMMAND IS NOT FEAR, BUT BROTHERHOOD, RESPECT, AND MORAL COMMITMENT. I ISSUED THE PLAN FOR THE COMING WEEK. THEN I PREPARED A STRIKE CHART FOR THAT WEEK. I KEPT REVISING AND AMENDING THE CHART SO EVERYONE WOULD KNOW IN ADVANCE WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO AND ACT ACCORDINGLY. IT IS ONLY FAIR TO SAY THAT SOME COMMANDERS VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE ON EVEN MORE STRIKES IF THEY FELT THAT THEY WERE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DO SO ON CERTAIN DAYS. (MORE) 10 NOV [REDACTED] 5 FEBRUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) I LOOKED FOR ANOTHER PLACE FOR MY COMMAND HEADQUARTERS. THE PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY PROVIDED ME WITH MORE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON 12 TARGETS IN ISRAEL RECEIVED FROM THE COMMAND OF THE PALESTINIAN FORCE 17. AT 2025 HOURS, THE 17TH BATTERY FIRED ONE MISSILE ON HOSTILE TARGETS IN DHAHRAN. 6 FEBRUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) AT 1955 HOURS, THE FIFTH BATTERY FIRED ONE MISSILE FROM AL-QA'IM REGION ON HAIFA. IT WAS THE 11TH STRIKE ON THE ZIONIST ENTITY. 8 FEBRUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) THE TIME IS 0045 HOURS. WE CONTINUED TO WORK HARD, WHILE THE ENEMY WAS TRYING TO FIND SOME TRACE OF US IN THE WESTERN REGION. SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT TWO HOSTILE HELICOPTERS WERE SEARCHING AL-RUTBAH REGION FOR OUR UNITS. I TOLD MY INTERLOCUTOR: REST ASSURED WE DO NOT HAVE MISSILE UNITS THERE OTHER THAN THE COMMANDO BRIGADE. MY INTERLOCUTOR FROM THE MILITARY MOVEMENTS COMMAND SAID: FROM WHICH DIRECTION ARE YOU FIRING YOUR MISSILES THEN? I SPOKE WITH THE TONE OF A VICTOR: GOD IS WITH US. THESE MISSILES ARE GOD-SENT WEAPONS. MAY GOD GIVE

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YOU VICTORY AND BLESS YOUR EFFORTS THE WESTERN COAST OF SAUDI AND HANG UP. I  
SPENT SOME TIME WITH BRIGADE 223 FOLLOWING THE ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE  
10TH STRIKE ON HOSTILE TARGETS IN SAUDI ARABIA. AT 0145 HOURS, THE AL-HUSAYN  
MISSILE SHOT UP TO POUND THE WAR MACHINE ASSEMBLED BY THE AGGRESSORS  
AGAINST GREAT IRAQ. (MORE) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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