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(U) (PART SEVEN OF BOOK OF MEMOIRS ENTITLED "FORTY-THREE MISSILES ON THE
ZIONIST ENTITY," BY STAFF LIEUTENANT GENERAL HAZIM 'ABD-AL-RAZZAQ AL-AYYUBI,
COMMANDER OF THE IRAQI SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES CORPS DURING THE
GULF WAR)

(U) (FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT) CHAPTER IV: THE BATTLE OF HOPE AND HONOR
(SUBTITLE) 19 JANUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) I DID NOT SLEEP A SINGLE HOUR FOR THREE
NIGHTS RUNNING. FIRST LIEUTENANT DOCTOR MA'N 'ABD-AL-RAHMAN ADVISED ME TO
HAVE AT LEAST A ONE-HOUR SLEEP OR ELSE I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
CONCENTRATE. SOON AFTER I PUT MY HEAD BETWEEN MY HANDS OVER MY PAPERS
ON THE TABLE, I SAW MYSELF CARRYING MY SCHOOL BOOKS AND HURRYING TO THE
FIRST LESSON AT THE SOUND OF THE SCHOOL BELL. THE TEACHER OF CHEMISTRY,
WHO WAS STANDING AT THE DOOR, TOLD ME JOKINGLY: "YOU ARE WALKING AS IF YOU
WERE IN A MILITARY PARADE. HURRY UP. DID NOT YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF THE
BELL? " IN THE CLASS, HE EXPLAINED CHEMICAL REACTIONS OF ACIDS. THE DREAM

THEN SHIFTED TO ANOTHER PICTURE, AND I FOUND MYSELF HURRYING TO THE WESTERN REGION. THE MEN WERE WAITING FOR ME TO FIRE THE MISSILES. WHEN I SAW THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF FIRING, I ORDERED HIM TO OPERATE THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM. WHEN THE JOB WAS FINISHED, I SHOUTED ONCE AGAIN ORDERING THEM TO OPEN THE INITIAL FUEL AND OPERATE THE TUBULAR CUSHIONS. THE OPERATOR SAID: "YES, SIR." I PRESSED THE FIRING BUTTON AND SAID GOD IS GREAT. THE MISSILE MOVED UPWARD, HISSING AND FILLING THE EARTH WITH A BRIGHT LIGHT. WHEN I OPENED MY EYES, THE DOCTOR WAS STILL STANDING BESIDE ME. HE ASKED ME ASTONISHINGLY: "WERE YOU DREAMING, SIR? " I SAID RUBBING MY FOREHEAD: "WHAT IS THE TIME NOW? " HE SAID: "IT IS EIGHT O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING." HAVE NOT THEY FIRED THE MISSILE? THE MISSILE WAS FIRED IN THE DREAM. THE DOCTOR SAID SMILINGLY: "YOU WERE TRYING TO REALIZE YOUR DESIRE TO DIRECTLY FIRE THE MISSILE YOURSELF." I SAID: "MAY BE IT WAS A SIGN THAT THE FIRING WOULD ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE." MOVEMENTS OFFICER CAPTAIN FARIS HAZIM CAME IN AND SAID: "SIR, THE FIRING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 0815. DO YOU WANT TO HEAR THIS ON THE TELEPHONE? " I EXCHANGED A MEANINGFUL LOOK WITH THE DOCTOR. THIS IS THE SECOND STRIKE AGAINST THE ZIONIST ENTITY, GOD BE PRAISED. THE MEN HAD FIRED TWO MISSILES FROM AN AREA WEST TO KILOMETER 160 AND TWO OTHERS FROM AL-QA'IM AREA AGAINST TARGETS IN TEL AVIV. BRIGADE 223 THIS TIME PARTICIPATED BY FIRING ONE MISSILE AND INFORMED US THAT THE ENEMY FIRED 10 MISSILES AT ZONE 5, BUT NO ONE WAS INJURED AS THE MISSILES' SHRAPNEL SCATTERED IN THE DESERT. IN THE NOON NEWSCAST, I LISTENED TO COMMUNIQUE NO. 7 ON 19 JANUARY 1991 ISSUED BY THE ARMED FORCES GENERAL COMMAND REGARDING OUR SECOND STRIKE AGAINST THE EVIL FORCES IN THE ZIONIST ENTITY, WHICH THREATENED IRAQ FOR MONTHS AND WAITED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO BETRAY IT I HELD A MEETING OF THE COMMANDERS OF MY GROUP AND THOSE OF THE BRIGADE. I EXPLAINED TO THEM THE MANEUVERING AND FIRING PLAN, AS WELL AS THE IMPLEMENTATION METHOD IN DETAIL. TO CLARIFY MY VIEWS, I BROUGHT A BLACKBOARD AND DREW ON IT THE PLAN AND THE FIRING POSITIONS IN DIFFERENT COLORS. I ALSO SPOKE IN DETAIL TO MAKE EVERYBODY UNDERSTAND WHAT I HAD IN MIND. MOREOVER, I WROTE DOWN MY INSTRUCTIONS AND HANDED THEM TO THE ORDERS GROUP LATER ON. EACH COMMANDER DREW A MAP FOR HIMSELF SHOWING ALL DETAILS REGARDING THE SOUTH, THE WEST, AND THE MIDDLE, AND FIXED ON THEM THE AXES, THE POSITIONS, THE DISTANCES, THE TIMINGS, THE TARGETS, THE NUMBERS OF THE MISSILES, AND THE NAMES OF THE EXECUTING COMMANDERS. THE COMMANDERS WERE PLEASED, AND EACH ONE OF THEM IMPROVED HIS MAP BY STATING THE TIMES OF SHIFTS AT EACH STAGE. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT I ANALYZED WITH SOME OF MY OFFICERS THE TARGETS TO BE STRUCK, AS DONE BY TECHNICAL PERSONNEL IN UNITS, SO I COULD CHOOSE THE FIRING POSITIONS BY MAKING USE OF RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION AND MANY OTHER MATTERS TO HELP THE UNITS AND BRIGADES CHOOSE THEIR OWN FIRING POSITIONS. THIS FACILITATED THE MATTER MUCH. TIRED OF THE SHELTER, I WENT OUT. THE SKY WAS FULL OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT SHELLS, AND I HEARD THE EXPLOSION OF BOMBS THE ENEMY AIRCRAFT WERE DROPPING OVER BAGHDAD. THEN I HEARD THE THUD OF SOMETHING HEAVY FALLING ON THE GROUND. THEY MIGHT HAVE DESTROYED A BRIDGE, DEMOLISHED A BUILDING OVER THE HEADS OF ITS INMATES, OR SHELLED A MOSQUE. I REMEMBERED MY FAMILY, MY CHILDREN, AND THEIR MOTHER. MOST OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA HAD LEFT FOR THE OUTSKIRTS OF BAGHDAD FOR SAFETY, EXCEPT MY FAMILY, WHICH WAS CHALLENGING THE FIRES OF THE ENEMIES. AT 1800, I CROSSED BAGHDAD STREETS TO MEET COLONEL 'ABD HAMID MAHMUD, ESCORT OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE HALF AN HOUR LATER, AND COL. MAHMUD HANDED ME A VERY URGENT ENVELOPE CONTAINING A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT. THE LETTER DREW ATTENTION TO AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ISSUE OF PROTECTING OUR CONVOYS AND

OUR MISSILES FROM SPIES AND ALIENS IN SOUTHERN OR WESTERN IRAQ, WHO MAY INFILTRATE IN THE COUNTRY, EXPLOITING THE PREOCCUPATION OF OUR UNITS WITH DEFENDING IRAQ. (MORE) 8 NOV [REDACTED] (MORE) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED (b)(3)

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