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

(U) (FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT) CHAPTER IV (SUBTITLE) THE BATTLE OF HOPE AND
HONOR (4) (SUBTITLE) 9 FEBRUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) AT 0355, THE SECOND BATTERY
FIRED A ROCKET AT THE ZIONIST ENTITY. ON THE SAME DAY, I ISSUED ORDERS TO THE
FIRST SPECIAL DUTY LEGION, WHICH WAS IN CHARGE OF THE CAMOUFLAGE ROUTINE,
TO USE CAMOUFLAGE LAUNCHERS WITH A VIEW TO SETTING UP AN AMBUSH TO KILL
OR CATCH INFILTRATORS AS THEY APPROACHED THE CAMOUFLAGE LAUNCHERS ON
THE AL-QA'IM-AL-RATBAH AXIS. (THE PLAN WAS EXECUTED ON 12 FEBRUARY WITH THE
UNITS COMING UNDER DIRECT AIR ATTACK FROM 12 TO 15 FEBRUARY) 10 FEBRUARY
1991 (SUBTITLE) NO SHOOTING ON THIS DAY WE SOUGHT CLARIFICATIONS FROM THE
OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE PLAN CONCERNING ROADS AND BRIDGES
SPANNING THE TIGRIS AND EUPHRATES. I SUMMONED THE COMMANDER OF THE

OPERATIONAL ROCKET CONTROL CENTER FOR A DISCUSSION OF MANY POINTS CONCERNING THE ROCKET UNITS IN THE SOUTH. SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT, WE WERE ALERTED BY THE MILITARY MOVEMENTS DIRECTORATE TO THE APPROACH OF TWO HELICOPTERS TO WARD KILOMETER 160 JUNCTION AFTER WHICH WE DIRECTED THAT THE UNITS TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS. 11 FEBRUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) AT 1955 THE SEVENTH BATTERY FIRED A ROCKET AT TEL AVIV AND AT 2220 THE 15TH BATTERY FIRED ANOTHER ROCKET AT ENEMY TARGETS IN RIYADH. AT 0200 THE FOLLOWING DAY, I EVALUATED THE SITUATION FROM THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE WESTERN TRANSPORTATION REGION AND DISCOVERED THAT THE ENEMY HAD DROPPED VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL IN THE H REGION FOR WHICH WE TOOK THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS. AT NOON THAT DAY THE ENEMY BOMBARDED THE FIRST ROCKET MAINTENANCE CAMP IN AL-TAJI. THEY DIRECTED ANOTHER MORE POWERFUL STRIKE THAT, WITH GOD'S MERCY, DID NOT CAUSE MUCH DAMAGE. IT IS A TRUE BATTLE THAT ANYONE WHO TOOK PART IN COULD RIGHTLY AND JUSTIFIABLY TAKE PRIDE. THERE YOU HAVE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY IN THE WESTERN REGION ON THE EDGE OF THE DESERT JOINING FORCES WITH THE POPULAR ARMY AND AL-MAGHAWIR UNITS AS THEY STOOD FIRM AGAINST ALIEN INFILTRATORS AND FORCED THEIR WITHDRAWAL AND TO BOOT KILLED A NUMBER OF THEM. THIS TIME THEY ARRIVED WITH VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL AND TWO ARMORED CARS AND A VEHICLE MOUNTED WITH A 106-MILLIMETER GUN. THE AL-MAGHAWIR BRIGADE TOOK ON THOSE REMNANTS THAT TOOK FLIGHT. THE AIM OF THE INFILTRATORS WAS TO FORESTALL OR DESTROY THE ROCKET LAUNCHERS. THE MORE INTENSE THE FIRE OF THE AGGRESSORS GREW THE STIFFER OUR RESISTANCE BECAME AND SO WE PUT OUR TRUST IN THE ALMIGHTY GOD AND FIRED THE 13TH ROCKET AT THE ZIONIST ENTITY HITTING IMPORTANT SITES IN TEL AVIV. THAT WAS AT 1955. WE ALSO FIRED A ROCKET AT ENEMY TARGETS IN RIYADH, THE 11TH SUCH STRIKE. THE ENEMY HELICOPTERS WERE STILL LOOKING EITHER FOR THEIR PATROLS THAT HAD LOST THEIR WAY IN THE DESERT CLOSE TO KILOMETER 160 OR FOR PILOTS WHOSE PLANES HAD BEEN DOWNED. 12 FEBRUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) AT 1425 THE SIXTH BATTERY FIRED A ROCKET AT TEL AVIV, THE 14TH SUCH STRIKE AGAINST THE ZIONIST ENTITY. ON THAT DAY THE ENEMY HIT AL-'AMIRIYAH SHELTER. RAISING MY HANDS OVERHEAD, I MADE THIS PLEA TO GOD THE ALMIGHTY: "GOD, SHOW MERCY TO THE SOULS OF OUR VIRTUOUS MARTYRS, WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND THE ELDERLY, AND WHOEVER ELSE HAS BEEN MARTYRED AT AL-'AMIRIYAH SHELTER. GOD, WREAK VENGEANCE ON THE EVIL AGGRESSORS WHO HAVE COMMITTED THAT HEINOUS CRIME AGAINST DEFENSELESS CIVILIANS INCLUDING LITTLE CHILDREN, WHO WERE SHELTERING AT AL-'AMIRIYAH SHELTER WHERE 405 MARTYRS HAVE FALLEN." I SENSED THAT GOD THE ALMIGHTY HAD INSTILLED IN ME ADDED STRENGTH AND THAT THAT PAINFUL SIGHT HAD PROMPTED ME TO ASK THE COMMANDERS OF THE ROCKET BRIGADES IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO HIT ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AT HAFR AL-BATIN AND DIMONA IN THE ZIONIST ENTITY. THEIR RESPONSE WAS THAT THEY WERE READY TO HIT THOSE TARGETS WITH AS POWERFUL A FORCE AS THEY COULD MUSTER. I SAID AT A LOUD VOICE: I THANK GOD, THE CHAMPION OF THE FAITHFUL. I SOUGHT THE PRESIDENT'S PERMISSION TO ORDER ATTACKS AT ENEMY TARGETS IN DIMONA AND HAFR AL-BATIN TO AVENGE THE SOULS OF OUR VIRTUOUS MARTYRS AND HIS EXCELLENCY GRANTED THAT REQUEST. THEREUPON I ISSUED ORDERS THAT AMERICAN CONCENTRATIONS AT HAFR AL-BATIN BE HIT WITH SEVEN ROCKETS SIMULTANEOUSLY. I SET THE COORDINATES AND THE TIME. I ALSO DIRECTED THAT TWO ROCKETS BE FIRED AT DIMONA. (MORE) 12 NOV [REDACTED] 14 FEBRUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) WE NOTICED THAT (b)(3) THE NEWSCASTS OF RADIO RIYADH HAD TAKEN TO ALERTING ENEMY SECTORS AS SOON AS THEY HAD WORD THAT IRAQI MISSILES HAD BEEN FIRED AT SAUDI TERRITORY. (MORE) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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