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(U) "(SIGNED) SADDAM HUSAYN "17/1/1991." (THE NEWSPAPER CARRIES A PHOTOCOPY OF THIS MESSAGE IN THE PRESIDENT'S OWN HAND-WRITING) THE BATTLE IS A GENERAL ONE. THE FIRST ENEMY OF THE ARAB NATION IS THE ZIONIST ENEMY. MOREOVER, ALL EVILS AND PLOTS ARE WOVEN IN THE DARK DENS OF ZIONISM. THEREFORE, THE FAITHFUL MILITARY IDEOLOGY MUST SERVE POLITICAL PRINCIPLES IN THE BATTLEFIELD. IT IS A STRONG, ANGRY LANGUAGE AGAINST AN ENEMY WHO IS TAMPERING WITH THE NATION'S DESTINIES, GNAWING AT ITS VERY STRUCTURE FROM WITHIN, AND TURNING THE ARABS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER. SO, THE DAY HAS COME WHEN IT MUST GET THE PUNISHMENT, WHICH IS PREDICTED IN ALL HEAVENLY BOOKS AND IS NOW METED OUT BY THE COURAGEOUS WILLPOWER OF PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSAYN AFTER DEPENDING ON GOD. HERE WE ARE IN THE MISSILE CORPS READING THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S MESSAGE WITH PRIDE AND APPRECIATION AND PUTTING IT INTO SERIOUS ACTION, BECAUSE IT IS FULFILLING A BIG DREAM, WHICH THE MILLIONS IN THE ARAB NATION HAVE AWAITED FOR A LONG TIME. I COULD NO LONGER STAY IN THE SHELTER. THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FILLED US WITH COURAGE. THE ZIONIST ENTITY IS NOW WITHIN THE RANGE OF OUR POWERFUL, HEROIC ACTION. I WENT TO THE MISSILE CORPS SITES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BAGHDAD TO FOLLOW THE PREPARATION AND GIVE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE MEN. I FELT VERY STRONG AND READY TO FACE OF THE STORM. I WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A STAFF OFFICER, MY AIDE-DE-CAMPS, AND MY TWO SONS MUHAMMAD AND AHMAD. I INSPECTED BRIGADE 224 AND ITS UNITS. THE MORALE WAS HIGH AND THE WILLPOWER STRONG. I OBSERVED THE SAME LEVEL OF MORALE THE HEADQUARTERS AND UNITS OF BRIGADE 223. AT 1300 HOURS, THE ENEMY BOMBED THE DEPOTS OF THE FIRST MAINTENANCE UNIT IN

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AL-TAJI CAMP. IT HIT SOME SHE... Approved for Release: 2018/10/09 C06765444. SO, THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR LOSSES. I WENT TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AIR FORCE AND AIR DEFENSE COMMAND. THE BUILDING OF THE OPERATIONS CENTER WAS HIT IN THE BOMBING. THE PURPOSE OF MY VISIT WAS TO COORDINATE WITH THE AIR FORCE COMMANDER ON INSURING PROTECTION FOR THE LAUNCHING SITES. LATER, I WENT TO INSPECT THE POSITIONS OF THE MECHANICAL UNITS ON THE ROAD TO AL-TAJI, AND LATER THE POSITIONS OF THE MECHANICAL ON THE ROAD TO ABU-GHURAYB MILITARY CAMP. MY PLAN WAS TO GO TO THE LAUNCHING SITES IN THE WESTERN REGION TO ATTEND THE FIRST LAUNCHING OPERATION AGAINST THE ZIONIST ENTITY. I KEPT THINKING THAT I WOULD BE THE ONE PRESSING THE BUTTON OF THE FIRST MISSILE. THE THOUGHT WAS STILL WITH ME WHEN I DROVE ALONG AL-FALUJAH-AL-RAMADI HIGHWAY. MY SON, MUHAMMAD, SAID WITH CHILDISH GLEE: DAD, I WILL PRESS THE BUTTON OF THE MISSILE THIS TIME, NOT AS IN AL-QADISIYAH WHEN WE PRESSED THE BUTTON TOGETHER. MUHAMMAD HAD BEEN WITH ME ON SEVERAL FIRING MISSIONS. SO, I CAN UNDERSTAND HIS ENTHUSIASM WHEN THE DAY CAME TO FIRE MISSILES AGAINST OUR ENEMIES. HIS THOUGHTS WERE BIGGER THAN HIS AGE. HE KEPT WATCHING THROUGH THE WINDOW AS THE SUN SET DOWN ON THAT VAST EMPTY SPACE WITHOUT ANY EFFECT. WE DROVE BEHIND TRUCKS CARRYING LAUNCHERS LOADED WITH MISSILES. AND WHENEVER A TRUCK STOPPED DUE TO SOME TECHNICAL FAULT, WE URGED THE MEN TO QUICKLY REPAIR THE FAULT SO WE COULD REACH OUR DESTINATION IN THE WESTERN DESERT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SUDDENLY, MY DRIVER SAID: THEY HIT THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, SIR! I THOUGHT ABOUT THE HEADQUARTERS AND WONDERED WHO WOULD ASSUME MY RESPONSIBILITY IN TACKLING URGENT MATTERS. SO, I TURNED TO THE DRIVER AND SAID: GO BACK TO HEADQUARTERS IN BAGHDAD. - YES, SIR! MUHAMMAD WAS SORRY. I TRIED TO CALM HIM DOWN WITH FOND WORDS TO MAKE HIM ACCEPT THE IDEA OF GOING BACK. THE HEADQUARTERS NEEDS ME, I SAID. I ARRIVED AT THE HEADQUARTERS AT NIGHT AND INQUIRED ABOUT WHAT WENT ON IN MY ABSENCE. I WAS TOLD THAT THE OPERATIONAL MISSILES CONTROL CENTER IN THE SOUTH CALLED TO SAY THAT THE SECOND AND THIRD BATTALIONS OF BRIGADE 225 WHICH ARE EQUIPPED WITH TACTICAL LUNA MISSILES, AND THE FIRST (ASTRAS) BATTALION OF BRIGADE 226, REPEATED THE STRIKE AGAINST US TROOP CONCENTRATIONS IN AL-KHAFJI. I CONTACTED THE WESTERN REGION AND LEARNED THAT PREPARATIONS WERE UNDERWAY FOR THE STRIKE AGAINST THE ZIONIST ENTITY. FRIDAY 18 JANUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) THE TIME IS 0200 HOURS. THE SOUND OF ENEMY BOMBING CAN BE HEARD CLEARLY. THE GROUND DEFENSES ARE ALSO RESPONDING FORCEFULLY, THE BATTLE IS RAGING FROM ONE END OF IRAQ TO THE OTHER. THE ENEMIES KEPT BOMBING POWER AND OIL STATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS AND FACTORIES WITH THE SAVAGENESS OF CRIMINAL INVADERS. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE FIRST MOMENT THAT WHAT THEY ARE DOING HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THEIR DECLARED AIM. AT 0235 HOURS, THE TELEPHONE RANG. SOMEONE FROM THE WESTERN REGION SPOKE ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT AND ALSO FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT, MEANING OUR AIRCRAFT. WE IMMEDIATELY CONVEYED THE INFORMATION TO THE VARIOUS UNITS. AT 0300 HOURS, COLONEL 'ADNAN ANJAD, COMMANDER OF BRIGADE 224, WAS ON THE RADIO FROM THE WESTERN REGION: WE ARE READY, SIR. BUT, YOUR PLACE IS VACANT. GOD IS GREAT, I REPLIED. THAT REPLIED MEANT PLACE YOUR TRUST IN GOD AND PRESS THE BUTTON. AT 0310 HOURS, THE SAME SPEAKER CAME BACK AND SAID: LISTEN TO THE COUNTDOWN, SIR. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, GOD IS GREAT! THE MISSILE SHOT UP. IT WAS NOT JUST ONE, BUT EIGHT MISSILES AGAINST MILITARY TARGETS AND VITAL INSTALLATIONS PART OF ENEMY WAR EFFORT. IT WAS THE FIRST STRIKE. FIVE MISSILES FROM AL-QA'IM; THREE ON HAIFA AND TWO ON TEL AVIV; AND THREE MISSILES FROM THE POINT WEST OF KILOMETER 160; ONE ON HAIFA AND TWO ON TEL AVIV. THEY WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE MEN OF BRIGADE 224. (MORE) END OF

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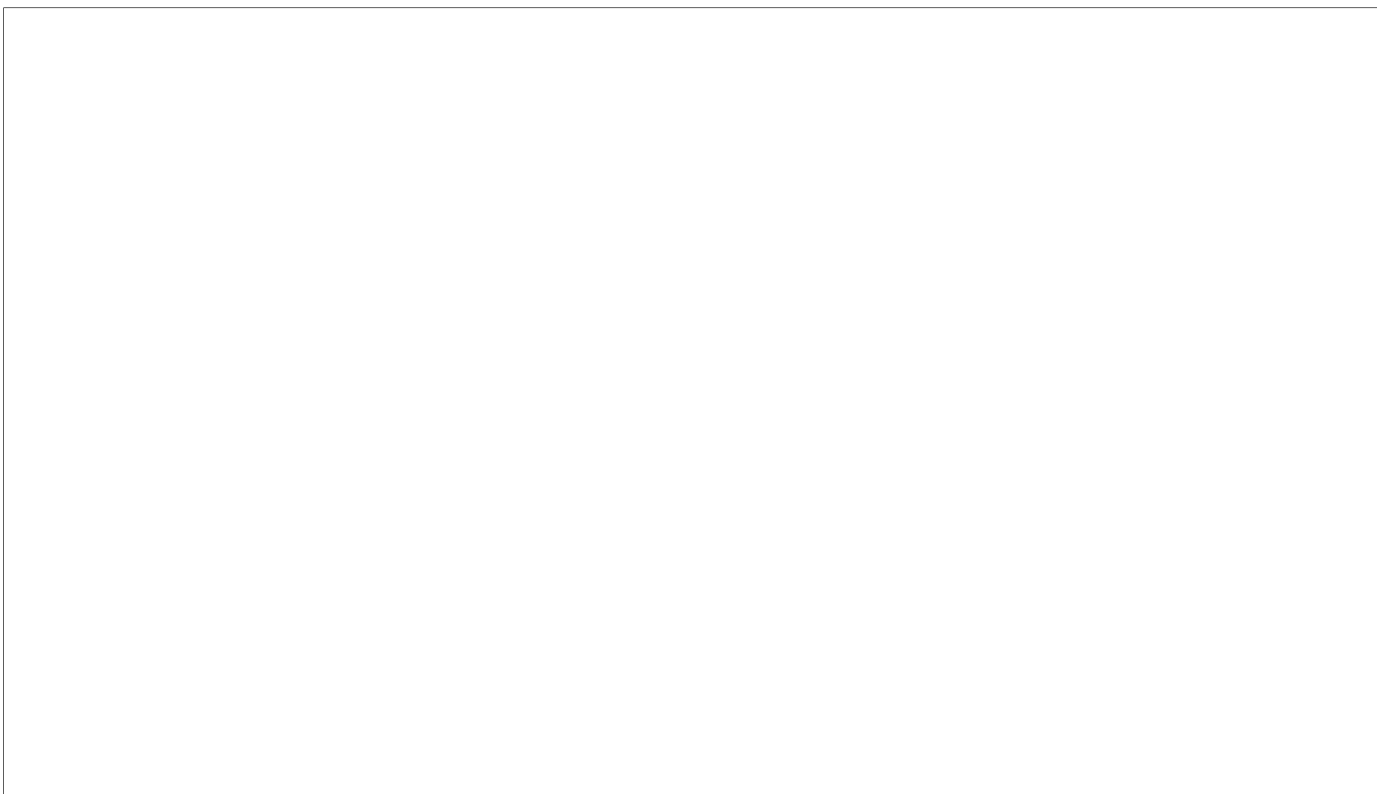
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