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(U) I SECURED A CONTROL WIRELESS NETWORK, SIX BRANCHES, AND A SEVENTH AUXILIARY BRANCH, STRESSING THE NEED NOT TO PRESS ANY TRANSMISSION BUTTON EXCEPT IN CASES OF EMERGENCY. A NINTH STATION WOULD BE ADDED TO THE SECOND PART OF THE SECOND BATTALION OF BRIGADE 224 ON THE NIGHT OF 21 JANUARY AND I PROHIBITED THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE STATIONS IN THE FIRING POSITIONS OR IN THE TECHNICAL BATTERIES' POSITIONS. I DID NOT FORGET TO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS ON THREE IMPORTANT POINTS; NAMELY, HOW TO DEPLOY AND CHANGE THE PLAN OR THE SHELTER TO ACHIEVE THE MAXIMUM DEGREE OF CONCEALMENT. I ALSO INSTRUCTED EVERYBODY NOT TO DEPLOY UNTIL THE LAST MOMENT, TO CARRY OUT THE MAIN DUTIES DURING THE NIGHT, AND TO CHOOSE THE SHELTER CAREFULLY PROVIDED THAT IT SHOULD BE CHANGED ON THE NIGHT OF 21 JANUARY. I ALSO CLARIFIED THAT DEPLOYMENT ON THE NIGHT OF 21 JANUARY SHOULD DIFFER FROM THAT OF THE PREVIOUS NIGHT OF 20 JANUARY BY MORE OR LESS THAN 5 KILOMETERS IN THE SOUTH. AND, ON THE NIGHT OF 21 JANUARY IN THE WESTERN REGION, DEPLOYMENT SHOULD DIFFER FROM DEPLOYMENT DURING THE

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FIRST TWO STRIKES AGAINST ISRAELI TARGETS IN THE WESTERN REGION. I ALSO ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO COORDINATE ANTI-AIRCRAFT ACTION BY BRIGADE 224; NAMELY, BY THE COMMANDER OF THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTALION, ON THE CONDITION THAT HE GUARANTEE DEPLOYMENT IN THE WESTERN REGION ON THE NIGHT OF 21 JANUARY. I ALSO ASKED FOR THE PROVISION OF TWO RESERVE MISSILES IN AL-'AMARAH AND ONE RESERVE MISSILE IN AL-RAMADI. I SECURED MORE VEHICLES TO FACILITATE MOVEMENTS FOR BRIGADE 224 AND BRIGADE 223, DISTRIBUTED THE FUEL VEHICLES, AND GAVE MY TELEPHONE NUMBERS, AS WELL AS IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS IN CASES OF EMERGENCY, TO MY SUBORDINATES, IN ADDITION TO THE MAGNETIC LINES DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO THE WESTERN REGION. I GAVE THESE NUMBERS TO UNITS' COMMANDERS IN OTHER AREAS SUCH AS AL-'AMARAH, AL-'AZIS, AL-QURNAH, SAFWAN, AND AL-BARJASIYAH. I ALSO TOLD THEM OF UNSAFE TELEPHONE NUMBERS (MICROWAVE), RELATIVELY SAFE TELEPHONE NUMBERS, AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE OPERATIONAL MISSILE CONTROL HEADQUARTERS, THE FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION HEADQUARTERS, AND THE ARMED FORCES GENERAL COMMAND HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTH. I THEN PROVIDED THEM WITH A LIST OF THE SPECIAL CODE WORDS--FUNNY WORDS, WHICH ARE DIFFICULT TO UNVEIL SUCH AS WILD THORN, AL-ZAWRA' PARK, THE ZOO, THE TROUBLESOME BAT, THE ROCKY STONE, THE DESERT WOLF, AND THE CAT'S PAW. (MORE) 8 NOV [REDACTED] I THEN TOLD THEM TO START WORK WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS AND TO STRIKE THE HEADS OF THE SNAKE AND THE SCORPIONS. I HAD PREVIOUSLY DECIDED TO ISSUE A FIELD PUBLICATION FOR POLITICAL GUIDANCE TO RAISE THE MORALE AS SUCH A PUBLICATIONS WRITTEN BY THE FIGHTERS WOULD HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT. THEREFORE, I ISSUED IT ON THE NIGHT OF 20 JANUARY IN THE FORM OF A GREETING MESSAGE TO THE FIGHTERS, COMMANDERS, OFFICERS, AND OTHER LOWER RANKS, MENTIONING THE NAMES OF THE COMMANDERS OF THE BRIGADES, THE BATTALIONS, THE UNITS, AND THE BATTERIES. IN THE MESSAGE, I CONVEYED TO THEM THE GREETINGS OF OUR DEAR PRESIDENT AND PROMISED THEM TO HONOR ANYBODY FIRING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN WITHOUT MISTAKES OR DELAY. I RAISED THEIR MORALE AND INSTIGATED THEM AGAINST THE ZIONIST AND IMPERIALIST ENEMY. I ALSO ASKED THEM TO BE ACCURATE AND CAUTIOUS, MAKE CALCULATIONS FOR EVERYTHING, NOT TO BE CONFUSED, AND BEHAVE IN LIGHT OF THE SITUATION, BE FLEXIBLE, AND PRESERVE THEIR EQUIPMENT TO TERRORIZE THE ENEMIES OF GOD. I WANTED THE LIAISON OFFICERS TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE TO EVERY ONE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE DURING MOVEMENTS TO THE POSITIONS OR INSIDE THE POSITIONS THEMSELVES. TWO MISSILES WERE FIRED FROM THEIR LAUNCHING PADS. THEY MOVED UPWARD AND THEN MOVED TOWARD THE HOSTILE TARGETS IN DHAHRAN AT 2145 ON 20 JANUARY. THE STRIKE WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE UNITS OF BRIGADE 224. IT WAS THE FIRST PART OF STRIKE AGAINST HOSTILE TARGETS ON SAUDI TERRITORIES. 21 JANUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) BRIGADE 223 CARRIED OUT ITS DUTY. WHAT A HEROIC COMPETITION IT WAS! AT 0040 ON 21 JANUARY, A MISSILE WAS FIRED AT HOSTILE TARGETS IN AL-DAMMAM. THEN OTHER MISSILES WERE FIRED TO COMPLETE THE FIRST STRIKE AGAINST HOSTILE TARGETS IN DHAHRAN AND RIYADH. SIX MISSILES WERE FIRED ONE AFTER THE OTHER AT 0045, 0050, AND 0005. I SUBMITTED A DETAILED REPORT TO PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSAYN ON THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST STRIKE AGAINST THE HOSTILE TARGETS ON SAUDI TERRITORIES. WE HAD PLANNED TO FIRE 14 MISSILES BUT WE FIRED ONLY EIGHT MISSILES AS I HAVE SAID. WE DEPLOYED IN SIX AREAS, BUT COMMUNICATIONS WAS OUR MAJOR PROBLEM. I INCLUDED IN MY REPORT PROPOSALS TO USE NEW MEANS TO MAKE UP FOR THE LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS AND CAMOUFLAGE, AS WELL AS A PROPOSAL TO ECONOMIZE ON THE USE OF OUR AVAILABLE MEANS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE OUR EQUIPMENT. I PRAISED THE ROLE OF SOME COMMANDERS AND EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD STARTED MANEUVER BY MOVING TWO BATTERIES TO THE WESTERN REGION INSTEAD OF FOUR BATTERIES TO STRIKE

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AGAINST TARGETS IN TEL AVIV Approved for Release: 2018/10/09 C06765447 NIGHT. WE WERE RACING WITH TIME TO CONFUSE THE ENEMY AND TO ACHIEVE OUR FULL ASPIRATIONS AT THE BLESSED HANDS OF LEADER SADDAM HUSAYN BY TAKING REVENGE AGAINST THE ZIONIST ENEMIES OF IRAQ AND THE ARAB NATION, THE CRIMINALS, AND THE TRAITORS. AT 1800 ON 21 JANUARY, THE ARMED FORCES GENERAL COMMAND ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ON THE DETAILS OF OUR FIRST STRIKE AGAINST HOSTILE TARGETS IN SAUDI ARABIA, AND THEN I RECEIVED THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF ON THE SAME SUBJECT. TWO ENEMY HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS LANDED IN THE AREA OF KILOMETER 106. THE MILITARY MOVEMENTS DIRECTORATE INFORMED US OF IT AT 1245. I ASKED THE COMMANDER OF THE FIRST COMMANDOS REGIMENT CHARGED WITH PROTECTING OUR UNITS TO SEND A FORCE TO THE SAID AREA TO CONFRONT THE HOSTILE HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS. (MORE) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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