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(U) (PART FOUR 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 MISSILE CORPS DURING THE GULF
WAR)

(U) (FBIS TRANSLATED TEXT) CHAPTER IV: CALL DAY (2) (SUBHEAD) 1 SEPTEMBER 1990
(SUBHEAD) NECESSARY MEASURES WERE TAKEN TO REDEPLOY AND PREPARE THE
MISSILES FOR THEIR MISSION IN THE WESTERN REGION AND TO MAKE UP FOR 10
MISSILES SENT AWAY FOR REPAIR. THE CHEMICAL DETACHMENT OF THE MISSILE TEST
GROUP WAS MOVED TO THE WESTERN REGION AND PLACED UNDER THE COMMAND OF
THE MISSILE OPERATIONS CONTROL CENTER IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE UNITS IN
THAT REGION. 4 SEPTEMBER 1990 (SUBHEAD) I HEADED FOR THE SOUTH, THIS TIME BY
CAR, TO VISIT THE MISSILE CORPS UNITS IN KUWAIT. THE DRIVER HAD PUT SOME
NEWSPAPERS IN THE CAR. MY EYE WAS CAUGHT BY A NEWS ITEM IN AL-QAQDISIYAH
NEWSPAPER SAYING THAT TODAY MARKED THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE
IRANIAN AGGRESSION ON 4 SEPTEMBER 1980. SO, 10 YEARS HAVE NOW ELAPSED
SINCE THAT BLACK SEDITION, WHICH EVIL FORCES HAD TRIGGERED AND WHICH
ENCOURAGED IRAN TO DECLARE A LONG-TERM WAR AGAINST IRAQ. THE SAME EVIL
FORCES ALSO ENCOURAGED THE RULERS OF KUWAIT TO CONSPIRE AGAINST IRAQ
AND DO MORE HARM TO FRATERNAL IRAQ TO INCREASE ITS FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC
BURDENS FOLLOWING ITS EIGHT-YEAR CEASELESS WAR. I RECALLED A PIECE OR
POETRY SAYING: "AN INJUSTICE BY KINSMEN HURTS MORE THAN THE STAB OF A
SWORD." THE ZIONISTS WERE ANGERED BY IRAQ'S VICTORY ON 18 AUGUST 1988 AND

BY IRAQ EMERGING FROM WAR, HAVING WEAPONS THAT COULD HIT THEIR VITAL INSTALLATIONS AND THEIR WAR EFFORT. ALTHOUGH THEY WERE PLEASED BY THE WAR AND TRIED TO PROLONG IT, THE ZIONISTS WERE ANGERED WHEN IRAQ EMERGED STRONG, SAFE, AND CAPABLE OF HARMING THEM IF THEY COMMITTED AGGRESSION ON THE ARAB NATION. THEREFORE, THEY WERE WORRIED AND THEY LAUNCHED A PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MEDIA WARFARE TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR A DIRECT STRIKE AGAINST IRAQ. FOR THAT PURPOSE, THEY MOVED MANY OF THEIR SUSPECT AGENTS IN THE REGION AND WHAT HAPPENED HAPPENED. BUT IRAQ, WHICH WAS AWARE OF THE CONSPIRACIES, WAS PLANNING ONCE AGAIN TO FOIL THE SPITEFUL ZIONIST SCHEMES. PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSAYN LAUNCHED AN INITIATIVE IN THE FORM OF A MESSAGE ON 14 AUGUST 1990. THIS WAS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR NEIGHBORLY TIES WITH IRAN AND OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN HARMONY WITH THE SPIRIT OF HIS PREVIOUS INITIATIVE OF 12 AUGUST 1990 CALLING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AND LASTING PEACE IN THE WHOLE OF THE REGION. BUT IRAN DID NOT OFFER ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT TO TURN THE IRAQI INITIATIVES INTO EFFECTIVE AGREEMENTS. THAT PROLONGED WAR REMINDS ME OF MANY MARTYR FRIENDS AND MISSING IN ACTION, AS WELL AS THE POW'S, WHO WERE HELD IN VIOLATION OF THE RULES OF OUR TRUE RELIGION AND THE INTERNATIONAL CHARTER AND TREATIES--FRIENDS, WHO SERVED WITH ME IN THE FIFTH MECHANIZED DIVISION IN AL-BASRAH, FROM WHERE WE ALL TOOK PART IN AL-MUHAMMARA (KHURRAMSHAHR), AHVAZ, AND ABADAN BATTLES. 7 SEPTEMBER 1990 (SUBHEAD) WE STARTED TO IMPLEMENT WHAT WE PLANNED FOR LAST NIGHT. SO, WE MOVED THE REST OF BRIGADE 226 AND THE SECOND BATTALION OF BRIGADE 225 FROM AL-MAHAWIL TO THE SOUTHERN SECTOR AND WE ALSO SENT 24 AL-RA'D (LUNA) MISSILES TO THE SAME SECTOR. I ISSUED AN ORDER FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF BRIGADE 225 FROM THE WESTERN REGION TO SHELTERS AROUND BAGHDAD. I ALSO ASKED BRIGADES 223 AND 224 TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF THE COUNTRY AND TO PREPARE FOR A STRIKE AGAINST HOSTILE TARGETS IN DHAHRAN AND BUQAYQ. 8 SEPTEMBER 1990 (SUBHEAD) WE MOVED THE SIXTH BATTERY OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTALION 588, WHICH WAS PLACED UNDER OUR COMMAND, TO PROTECT THE STRATEGIC BRIGADES FROM AL-RAMADI TO THE WESTERN SECTOR. THE BATTERY THEN WAS PLACED UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE OPERATIONAL MISSILE CONTROL CENTER TO REINFORCE THE UNITS PROTECTING THE OPERATIONAL UNITS IN THE OTHER SECTORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR MEASURES OF 28 AUGUST 1990. THIS WAS NOT PART OF OUR DIRECT DUTIES BUT WE CARRIED IT OUT IN LIGHT OF OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION OF OUR UNITS IN KUWAIT AND AL-BASRAH. 11 SEPTEMBER 1990 (SUBHEAD) ONCE AGAIN TOWARD KUWAIT. I ALWAYS WISHED TO WALK ON THIS LONG ROAD WITHOUT STOPPING. AS A SMALL BOY, I WISHED TO GO ROUND THE WORLD BY A TRAIN OR BICYCLE. THIS WAS MY DREAM. I WISHED TO CROSS THAT ARTIFICIAL BORDER, WHICH ONLY DEEPENS ENMITY AND SEPARATES THE BROTHERS FROM ONE ANOTHER IN THE ONE HOMELAND. DID I REALIZE MY DREAM WHEN I VISITED GREEN TUNISIA? TUNISIAN POET AL-SHABBI, WHO CHALLENGES DEATH AND SCOFFS AT ALL THE DECEITFUL, SAYS: "I TELL THOSE WHO WANT TO DESTROY ME THAT AXES CANNOT DESTROY MY EDIFICE AND THAT SWORD CANNOT AFFECT MY BODY." I WAS REASSURED ABOUT OUR MISSILE UNITS IN KUWAIT AND I LEARNED THAT ALL OUR NEEDS WERE FULLY MET. (MORE) 1 NOV [REDACTED] 15 SEPTEMBER 1990 (SUBHEAD) TODAY, WE DREW UP A PLAN THAT IF WAR(b)(3) BROKE OUT, WE WOULD ALLOW HOSTILE MILITARY TARGETS TO ENTER THE CITY OF AL-KHAFJI TO STRIKE AGAINST THEM ALONG WITH OTHER TARGETS WITH OPERATIONAL AL-RA'D (LUNA) MISSILES. I DISCUSSED WITH THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF OTHER TARGETS PROPOSED BY THE NAVAL FORCE COMMAND. WE ALSO ASSESSED EXPECTED REACTIONS FROM THE US FORCES TO THE USE OF THE IRAQI MISSILES, IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION WE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE GENERAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE. AS A RESULT, WE OFFERED THE FOLLOWING

PROPOSALS TO ABORT THE ENEMY'S PLANS: (MORE) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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