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(U) (PART EIGHT 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: THE BATTLE OF HOPE AND HONOR (3)
(SUBTITLE) 24 JANUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) I ISSUED ORDERS TO THE COMMANDER OF BRIGADE 224 AND THE COMMANDER OF THE FIRST MAINTENANCE UNIT TO MANEUVER WITH THE EFFORT FROM THE SOUTHERN SECTOR TO THE WESTERN SECTOR ONCE AGAIN. I ORDERED MOVING FOUR BATTERIES TO THE WEST, WHERE THREE OTHERS WERE OPERATIONAL WITHIN THAT BRIGADE. I GAVE THE COMMANDER OF THE BRIGADE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR POSITIONS AND DEGREES OF READINESS, AS WELL AS A DESCRIPTION OF EACH LAUNCHER, ITS USABILITY, AND FAULTS. I ALSO

GAVE HIM INSTRUCTIONS ON THE LAUNCHING SITES IN AL-QA'IM AND AL-RUTBAH. MOREOVER, I ISSUED ORDERS TO ATTACK HAIFA WITH THREE MISSILES AND TEL AVIV WITH FOUR MISSILES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS ON THE MOVEMENT TO AND MANEUVERING WITH SITES TO INSURE THAT THE MOVEMENT AND LAUNCHING TOOK PLACE AT DIFFERENT TIMES TO DECEIVE THE ENEMY. I ALSO ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO LIFT THE ARMS OF THE LAUNCHERS TO 45 DEGREES TO AVOID LEAKAGE OF MISSILE FUEL. BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN LEAKAGE ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, AND DIFFERENT UNITS ARE USING THIS METHOD. I ALSO ISSUED DETAILS ON TECHNICAL PREPARATION AND ALERTED EVERYONE TO AMBUSHES ON THE WESTERN HIGHWAY AND THE EXISTENCE OF HUGE POTHoles CAUSED BY ENEMY AIR AND MISSILE BOMBING ON AL-RUTBAH AREA. THIS WAS TO PREVENT THE TRUCKS CARRYING THE LAUNCHER FROM FALLING INTO THEM. I EXPLAINED THAT SPEEDY DISPATCH OF BATTERIES WOULD INSURE QUICK DEPLOYMENT AND CONCEALMENT. SO, THERE OUGHT NOT BE ANY DELAY WHATSOEVER. I SUPPLIED THE COMMANDER OF THE BRIGADE WITH OTHER DETAILS, SUCH AS SURPRISING THE ENEMY BY USING THE VERY AL-RUTBAH ROAD THAT WAS HIT. I COMMISSIONED SOME UNITS FROM BRIGADE 224 TO INSURE PROTECTION FOR AL-ANBAR BASE FOR SPACE RESEARCH FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT IT WAS BEING THREATENED. WE BEGAN CONCEALING LAUNCHERS IN THE MOST UNEXPECTED PLACES. I SUGGESTED NEW IDEAS AND ENCOURAGED OTHERS TO DO THE SAME. THE CONCEALMENT HELPED US CONTINUE THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK NONSTOP. I CHANGED THE PASSWORDS AND SYMBOLS AND CHOSE NEW COORDINATES FOR TARGETS IN TEL AVIV AND HAIFA. WE HEARD THAT THE COMMANDER OF THE ENEMY COALITION DECLARED THAT THE US AIR FORCE DESTROYED ALL OUR MOBILE LAUNCHERS. WHAT LAUNCHERS COULD THEY BE TALKING ABOUT? EVEN THE DECOY LAUNCHERS WERE NOT TOUCHED? NOT A SINGLE LAUNCHER, EQUIPMENT, OR MISSILE FROM AL-HUSAYN FORCE WAS HIT THROUGHOUT THE BATTLE; AND THE CASUALTIES WERE ONLY 10 WOUNDED, NOT AS THE ACCURSED SCHWARZKOPF AND PETER LA PIERRE CLAIMED. THEY ALLUDED TO OUR MEN'S STEADFASTNESS AND LACK OF ACCURACY. BUT, LET ME SAY THIS, THE BRAVE MISSILE MEN FIRED STEADILY; AND THEY DID NOT SO MUCH AS BAT AN EYELID OUT OF FEAR OF THEIR AGGRESSION. THE FEAR WAS WITH LA PIERRE, NOT OUR SOLDIERS. WHAT THEY WROTE IN THEIR MEMOIRS ARE SHEER LIES AND FALSE CLAIMS. THE SAME CAN ALSO BE SAID ABOUT THE SPECIAL COMMISSION'S INSPECTION TEAMS THAT CAME TO IRAQ IN 1991 AND CLAIMED THAT THEY HAD PHOTOS OF OUR EQUIPMENT HIT DURING THE BATTLE. BUT, THEY FAILED TO PRODUCE THOSE PHOTOS, WHICH PROVES THEIR LIES. ONE SIMPLE PROOF IS THAT MY SON, MUHAMMAD HAZIM, A FOURTH GRADER, PARTICIPATED TWICE IN FIRING AGAINST ENEMY TARGETS. HE WAS AT THE LAUNCHING SITES AND ONLY 20 METERS FROM THE MISSILES. IN FACT, HE PRESSED THE FIRING BUTTON. HE WAS ALSO AMONG OFFICERS AND MEN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. THIS IS WHAT WE CALL GREAT FAITH. 25 JANUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) THE TIME IS 1100 HOURS. THE ENEMY CARRIED OUT A RAID ON THE POSITIONS OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTALION 1040 UNDER BRIGADE 223 AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTALION 852 UNDER MY COMMAND. THE PHONE RANG IN MY OFFICE. SIR, SOME OF OUR MEN WERE MARTYRED AND OTHERS WOUNDED. GOD REST THEIR SOULS IN PEACE. AT 1400 HOURS I DECIDED TO FIRE 10 MISSILES IN THE BIGGEST STRIKE SINCE THE AGGRESSION. I ISSUED ORDERS TO THE FIRST MAINTENANCE UNIT TO PREPARE AL-HUSAYN MISSILES MARK-3. I ALSO ISSUED ORDERS FOR THE MISSILES TO BE FUELED BY THE TECHNICAL BATTERIES. MOREOVER, I TOOK PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES CONCERNING THE EQUIPMENT OF BRIGADE 223. AT 1840 HOURS, WE FIRED EIGHT MISSILES AGAINST THE ZIONIST ENTITY. TWO FELL ON HAIFA AND SIX ON TEL AVIV. AT 2227 HOURS THE SAME EVENING, WE FIRED TWO MISSILES ON ENEMY HEADQUARTERS IN RIYADH. WERE AVENGING FOR THE BLOOD OF OUR RIGHTEOUS MARTYRS? THEY WERE THE FOURTH AND FIFTH STRIKES AT THE ZIONIST ENTITY AND THE FOURTH ON

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ENEMY TARGETS IN SAUDI ARABIA. (MORE) 10 NOV [REDACTED] 26 JANUARY 1991 (b)(3)
(SUBTITLE) AT 0330 HOURS, WE CARRIED OUT THE FIFTH STRIKE ON ENEMY TARGETS
IN SAUDI ARABIA WITH ONE MISSILE. THE TARGET WAS IN DHAHRAN. (MORE) END OF
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