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## **(SF novel) East of Nakba (24)**

### **Part I. Israel bombs a nuclear plant in Iran (21)**

#### **Chapter 7 Aerial bombing against Natanz nuclear plant (1) Operation 'High-Low-High' (1/2)**



Three fighters passed north of Hafar al-Batten air base in Saudi Arabia, and then Iraqi airspace. They turned their noses to northeast. The wetlands of the Shatt al-Arab River were seen below. They were now in Iranian territory. The pilots became nervous. The reddish-brown Zagros Mountains stood in front of them. Natanz was just beyond the mountains. Within tens of kilometers south of Natanz, there was Isfahan where an Iranian Air Force base was located. It was highly possible that three little birds were scrambled by Iranian fighters.

The pilots were ready for battle. Looking at the minaret of the mosque in Isfahan, three birds began to descend sharply from an altitude of 20,000 meters and transformed into three arrows that fell head first from the sky. This was the second stage of the "high-low-high" operation, namely to lower the altitude at one burst, to bomb the target, and then immediately to return to the super-high altitude.

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