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East of Nakba (16)

Part I. Israel bombs a nuclear plant in Iran

Chapter 14. Operation code name 'South of the Border' (3)



"What about the first three fighter jets we missed?"

Everyone was vaguely aware of the ending of the drama. But everyone wanted to hear from the prince.

"The Israeli Air Force is far superior to the Iranian Air Force. Israeli pilots will surely bomb the target and safely escape from chase." "But then they find out that the parent bird doesn't come to pick them up. They don't have enough fuel to return to their base. What's the fate of the puppies that gradually weaken when the fuel runs out? Only Allah knows. Inshallah."

Israeli jets were fallen into their trap. They were going to shout for joy. But no one laughed at the commander's talk. They realized that Israeli pilots were the same themselves although they were enemies. Even Israeli pilots had completed their mission, they could not return to their own base due to lack of fuel. After wandering over Persian Gulf, they would definitely crash in the desert or the sea. Saudi pilots couldn't laugh when they imagined the results. It might be a strange sense of fellowship as pilot.

Prince Turki closed his eyes with his arms crossed while sitting on a chair. Suddenly, the telephone bell in front of him echoed in the room. Everyone felt nervous. The prince picked up the handset. It was from the commander of the Tabuk Air Force Base. The Tabuk base was located in the northwest of Saudi Arabia and a strategic air base for the surveillance against Israel. In the base, there were

several airborne early warning and control (AEW&C) systems with state-of-the-art radar and computers. The commander of the Tabuk base explained the situation in a hurry.

"At 7:00 am, one Israeli Air Force refueling aircraft and two escort jets are passing over Jordanian airspace. They will reach the border of the Kingdom and Iraq within minutes. Altitudes is XX feet. Speed is XX kmh. That's all."

"roger"

"To wish the success of the operation."

There were exchange of short messages between the two commanders.

While holding the handset, Prince Turki looked at the deputy commander in front of him. In response, the deputy commander lightly bowed his head. The prince hung up the handset. He stood up and said;

"Immediately change to the mode of operation."

Nine pilots, including the captain of the attack, who were dressed in flight suits, immediately stood up from their chairs. They saluted the prince and rushed toward the door. Prince's powerful voice showered on their backs.

"I left it to you!"

The pilots went out the room raising their right hand without turn around.

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