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## **East of Nakba (7)**

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

#### **Chapter 7 Aerial bombing against Natanz nuclear plant (1)**



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.

The desert stretched as far as the eye could see. Only the roads wove geometric patterns. However, it was unnecessary that the pilot checked the real topography. The pre-programmed target was projected on the LCD screen and the nose of jet was heading straight toward the target. The pilots only checked the LCD screen. It was enough that they grabbed the control stick with left hand and touched softly the missile launch button with the thumb of right hand.

"Mafia" in the right wing descended by increasing the speed and left from others. He was the first attacker. "Elite" followed "Mafia". "Abdullah" was the last. The formation of the three aircraft has changed from the triangle to the straight line.

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