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Chapter 3 Another enemy

Man has an instinctive desire that flies freely over the sky. The pilot can achieve it. The pilot is an occupation of man's yearning for a long time. That doesn't change in the West and the Orient either. A man especially yearns for the pilot of the fighter. The pilot of the fighter has a strong sense of mission to defend his own country. It is patriotism. In addition, he has the strong fight instinct against the enemy. The pilot is an occupation that stir man's mind.

Zero fighter (Zeke) of Japan, Messerschmitt AG in Germany and their pilots. Even after the two countries had been defeated at World War II, pilots of the fighter remained as a hero to remind people's nostalgias. There is no movie from which the fighter pilot of Japan or Germany is made a villain by the Hollywood movie of the United States. On the contrary, Japanese or German general or the soldier on the ground battle is drawn as an extremely cruel bad man contrasted with pilot. In Israel the pilot of the air force is an occupation of the yearning too. They greatly took an active part in the Middle East Wars that happened one after another and contributed to the victory of the homeland.

The fighter functioned a leading part in World War I and II. The proxy war of the United States and the Soviet Union was frequently generated

under the cold war after World War II in many parts of the world such as Korean War and the Vietnam War. US and USSR competed the performance of the fighter each other in those wars. However, the wind began to change when entering the 21st century. In place of the war between nations, the terrorist activity having strong religious belief, that is, Islam terrorism happened frequently in every country in the world.

In many cases, terrorist activity is generated in urban area that is overcrowded of the population. The terror cell also pretends the civilian and it acts in daily life. Moreover, they move the activity base here and there. The jet fighter is good at the prompt bombing of the capital, the airport, and the arsenal etc. of the enemy country because the target is big. However, terrorist changes the militant stronghold frequently. Top of the terror cell lurks in the city. It is a ground troop like security force that can raid them. The role of the air force is to attack it with the rocket launcher of the helicopter. The fighter is too clumsy to attack small target in the city. There is no role for the fighter in urban battle.

The role for pilots of the fighter was lost more and more when entering the 21st century. They came to be treated as idle manpower in Israeli troop. Only one time they had the chance of the sortie. It was an Iraq liberating war in 2003. Israeli government and military leaders tried to persuade United States for their participation in Iraqi liberation war.. Bush administration at that time was strong pro-Israel. However, U.S. Government indirectly cut off the Israeli offer considering the world opinion.

The Iraq liberating war started and President Hussein in Iraq shot Scud missile into Israel. His purpose is to provoke Israel. The missile dropped in the West Bank of the Jordan River that Israel was occupying. There was little harm. However, such a thing was not a problem for Israel. It is a way of Israel to beat the enemy thoroughly as long as there is an excuse. The air force straightened the system of fighting back immediately. Pilots of the fighter were stirred up of courage to make an air raid in Iraqi capital Bagdad,

However, the United States did not permit Israel to counterattack. Justification of Iraq War is to liberate Iraq from the dictator. Muslim states including Pakistan participated in allied forces according to such reason. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait also allowed allied forces to pass over the territory in their countries. It was clear to receive repulsion from these countries if Israel was admitted to participate in the war.

Thus, pilots of an Israeli air force only looked at on-the-spot telecast of the air raid in Bagdad on the CNN television. The scene that the missile having been launched by US fighter and headed to targets straight was reflected on TV. The surveillance plane caught the moment when the missile destroyed the target. The image was repeatedly telecasted by CNN. There was a genuine war there. However, it was like video game. The viewer of TV, therefore, did not feel the cruelty of the war at all. It was the world of virtual reality.

In addition, the public opinion that considers the fighter force to be

deadwood has spread in Israel. Main force fighters F-15s and F-16s at present have considerably become superannuated. Israeli air force aspired fighter F-22 as a succession aircraft. F-22 is a state-of-the-art supersonic fighter that the United States developed, and it is called alias 'Stealth Fighter Raptor'. Stealth means that enemy's radar or infra-red search and track (IRST) system is very hard to catch the fighter.

There is one iron rule in the arms deal of the United States with Middle Eastern countries. When the United States has dealings over the state-of-the-art weaponry in the Middle East, the first customer should always be Israel. The Judea lobby never permits state-of-the-art arms made in the United States to deploy in the Arab states earlier than Israel. The US Congress approved to export the arms to Saudi Arabia only afterwards when Israel bought the same ones.

US Government encouraged arms deal. Arms deal with foreign countries was inevitable for the arm industries in the United States. They always compete with rivals like France and Russia. US Government encouraged Israel to buy 'Raptor'. However, at this moment, Israel could not buy it due to financial problem.

Israel faces with a radical Islamic group such as Hamas and Hizbollah. Israel constantly fights with them. The war expenditure of Israel keeps increasing. The national defense budget accounts for 8% or more of GDP and financial burden becomes headache. People are disgusted at the continuation of a semi-war regime longer than half a century. People rejected the purchase of expensive arms. One Raptor costs as much as 200

million dollars !

In addition, another symptom threatened the pilot of an Israeli air force. It is development of the pilotless drone. In Israel where the information-technology industry is highly developed, the research and development in the war-oriented industries is also active to apply IT skill.

The development of a low-cost pilotless drone has been progressing, and it has already been reaching the practical use stage. Once the pilotless drone is deployed to the military front, the majority of the fighter force is an information technology expert and a maintenance engineer. Only the pilot team of the helicopter is necessary to transport the injured soldier to the hospital. The pilot of the fighter would be dismissal. The manned bombing by the fighter was becoming useless.

Pilots of jet fighter are impatient about the situation. The senior pilots who had the experience of fighting at the Middle East Wars an now work as a instructor were in a hurry. Active service's pilots got irritated. They deliberated how to make citizens to recognize the necessity of the manned fighter force.

Israeli air force planned to make airstrike to Iranian nuclear facility. It was reckless operation. An executive of Israeli air force thought that this military operation might become the last manned bombing.