

Chapter 6 Secret movement of Saudi Arabia

In the nearby wilderness, the commander Prince Turki who finished the service at daybreak of Friday with Mosque in the base was enjoying the hawking. The Hafar al Batin base is located in the north end of the border with Iraq and the An Nafud desert. There are a lot of catches of the hawk such as hares and birds also in the wilderness in the desert. The hawking is Saud royal families' tastes like the prince Turki.

The desert of early morning is chilly, and a comfortable wind blows though it is a midsummer. President Hussein of Iraq lost power in 2003. This air base had been strained as garrison troops at the border during his period. Now Iraq was liberated, but was disordered. Since then the duty of the border defense corps is to prevent Islam guerilla and Al-Qaeda from invading. In addition, it was the main work to prosecute smugglers such as Alcohol or drugs. These jobs are being carried out by National Guard in the desert. They were not the job of the air force. The turn of the air force was completely lost. The hawk hunting by Turki was just killing time. It inadvertently : just now. -----.

Suddenly, a passage of the Quran has effused from the right pocket of his white native dress. It is a call sound of the cellular phone. A usual cellular phone is in his left pocket. However, cellular phone in the right pocket is a special cellular phone for the military executive officers. Most of the executive officers of the army are princes of Saud clan in Saudi Arabia. For instance, the national defense Minister is the father of prince Turki.

"Something happen? Father." He answered the telephone in a bright voice. His subordinates understood that the other party of the telephone was a national defense minister. They felt nervous. The national defense minister is the 15th son of founder of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He is a half brother of the current king. Founder of the kingdom married a lot of women. He got more than 30 sons. They have succeeded to the crown in order of the age.

The name of mother of defense minister was Hassa bint Sudairi. She gave birth to seven sons including father of prince Turki. Seven brothers tightened the bonds and have rivaled it to other half-brothers. Eldest brother became a king of the fifth. He ruled the country for a long term, and had his own way. He promoted his younger brothers in the high government post. As a result, seven brothers built up a firm position within Saud family.

"Necessary subjects only. I explain you in briefly." Father's voice is more solemn than usual.

"There was a proposal from Washington the other day. Three fighters of Israel will head to Iran after three days from now. It is on Monday morning. They said that the fighter would fly the sky over the border between Iraq and the Kingdom. "

Recently, media all over the world reports that Israel would attack the nuclear site of Iran. However, the prince Turki was dubious up to now. He understands that the rumor is true. He felt nervous.

"Israel aims at Natanz. Washington admitted the attack by Israel. Washington requests us to connive at three flights." Defense Minister kept speaking indifferently in the other side of the telephone disregarding the son's shake.

"And, do you tell us what to be done?"

"I had a talk with the king, Interior Minister and the Foreign Minister." The king is an elder half brother, and he is two years older than Defense Minister. Interior Minister is full brother of Defense Minister. And, the Foreign Minister was an orphan of the 3rd king ,in a word, the nephew. All of Defense Minister, Interior Minister, and the Foreign Minister have been in the same post for 30 years or more. It means to defend the ruling system of Saud royal family clan, too.

"We decided to accept the request of Washington. Three fighters will be sure to pass over the north of your base around daybreak. Become silent and overlook them. "

"The fighter of Israel might violate our territorial air space. Do you tell me to overlook them? Why is not the fighter shot down? " Prince Turki was not able to finish suppression, and asked father.

Hawk 'Nasser' halting on his shoulder fluttered. She was surprised at master's loud voice. The prince gave his father's name to the hawk. This is to respect to his father. However, another meaning was included. In Arab

world, submission to father is a social rule. The son cannot rebel against his father. Prince Turki dissolves his frustration to father by Hawk 'Nasser'. When Hawk 'Nasser' misses the catch, Prince Turki shout "Nasser, you are good-for-nothings.", and he is gratified.

“Let’s think well, my son. The development of nuclear weapons by Iran is an imminent threat for us. Persian priests of Shiite are enemy of Kingdom as well as The United States and European countries. Iran is our more hateful enemy than Israel.”

“Israel says that they will attack the enemy. Put Israel to want to do. They might heal our headache. When Jew and Persian fight each other, we Arabs can get profits from the situation. ”

Defense Minister's sneer has leaked from the receiver. It is difficult for prince Turki to overcome his father’s faint smile that was accustomed to be heard since he was young. His father was already Defense Minister during his thirties. Now Turki in his thirties is still commander! And, his father carried out for the strategy plot and has defended the position until today. Nasser has shown sneer like today whenever he climbed up the stairs of power.

On the contrary, Turki was born with the silver spoon in the mouth, and grew up in a cheerful and honest guy. Laughter with friends never discontinued. He went to the United States as a trainee of Jet Pilot. This course was highroad to success in the army. His straightforward character was very much acceptable to American instructor and

colleagues. The American serviceman loves cheerful and honest man.

Moreover, they unconsciously yearn for the person who is called Establishment. There is no 'Prince' in the United States. As for Serviceman, it is glad to become the native and the companion of the royal family. The prince is added to 'Companion who ate the rice of the same boiler', and companionship with them continues till now.

Defense Minister could not understand son's feelings and he kept talking. "Washington has told another request of Israel. I will give the task to you and your subordinates." Defense Minister directed his son. Commander's face flushed at once.

. "I consent. Father. "

He cut the cellular phone and ordered his subordinates.

"The hawk hunting is over. You should return to the base immediately. Bring together the major officers in my room! The important meeting will be held 30 minutes from now after. "