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The information in this file pertains to the purging of Karbala', Al-Najaf, Babil, and other Iraqi governorates from the saboteurs in 1991.

This file includes telegrams corresponded between several officers dated 1991 March 02 and 05 regarding the purging of Karbala', Al-Najaf, Al-Hilah, Babil, Al-Hayaniyah, Al-'Amarah from the saboteurs using different artilleries and weapons to invade the cities.

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**From (not mentioned)
To The Great Uncle**

We knew that the situation in Karbala' intensified this afternoon, shall we continue to head tomorrow at dawn towards Al-Najaf; in this case Karbala' is behind us from the opposite side and this is unsafe, or is there another force moving to Karbala' with the same time of our moving time towards Al-Najaf which is preferable for our move to Karbala' isn't practical. It's better to keep our destination towards Al-Najaf tomorrow dawn if there is any movement to Karbala' at the same time. Please inform us about the situation.

**Sent by: Qasim Fadil
Received by: Warrant Officer Jalil Kazar
At 23:00**

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The Assistant

At 11:30 the following officers were demanded to accomplish the direction:

1. Staff Brigadier General Sa'd 'Abd-al-Ghani with the 702 Brigade
2. Brigadier Ibrahim Jamil with 1st illegible 1st Corps
3. Colonel Hatim Hatif with the 97th Brigade and Abi-Waqas Armored Battalion.

**Signed by: Staff Brigadier General
Mukhlif Khalaf Al-Jaburi**

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The situation / Al-Mustafa is now 15km away from Al-'Amarah city where the fight is being continued to remove and wipe out the saboteurs. Currently we are using the mid artillery to destroy the enemy. Work is continued to terminate the enemies' resistance and enter the city of Al-'Amarah.

Sent by: Infantry Platoon Ramzi
Received by: Infantry Platoon 'Adnan
At: 15:10

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From/ Karbala'
To/ The Main

At 15:05 the saboteurs opened fire inside Karbala' from the direction of Tuwayrig, Al-Imam, Al-'Abbasiyah. Orders were issued by the Al-Jihad Corps Commander to handle the situation.

1991 March 05 At 15:30

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From Abu 'Ali
To Abu Firas

Is it possible to insure a number of armed helicopters? Please send it to the 6th Corps Headquarters. Inform us.

Received by: Warrant Officer Ibrahim
Passed to Infantry Platoon Wafiq
At 19:25 March 05

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From Abu Firas
To Abu-Ahmad

Companion Mizyan Khudur Hadi suggested disconnecting Al-Kut and Al-'Amarah governorates with Al-Far'yah secretariat, and al-'Amarah Police Director, in addition to assigning Companion Tu'mah Da'if the secretariat. What's your opinion?

At 19:25
Passed to the Deputy and Infantry Platoon 'Adnan and

**Received by Lieutenant Colonel ‘Abdullah Karhut and Sami Majid
March 05**

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According to the orders of the Minister of Industry and Military Manufacture **illegible** withdraw from the city allowing us to invade and destroy other sectors.

At 19:30

Passed through the 1st Infantry Platoon Wafiq and ‘Adnan to inform Al-Jihad operations headquarter in Karbala’.

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17:20 March 05

After the complete purging of the city, please show your orders for the next mission, we suggest that the division stays tonight at Al-Hilah for reorganization and we shall proceed tomorrow with the first dawn.

Sent by: Ibrahim

Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn

At 17:55

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The land movement is continued with Al-Mustafa group and we will inform you by the situation.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim

Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn Jasim

At 12:25

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From / Karbala’ Governorate

To/ Abu Firas

Referring to our numbered telegram 172 in April 04 the number of fled and absent soldiers profiting from the amnesty order from March 26 till 1991 April 04 is 2237.

Sent by:’ Abd-al-Hasan

Received by:

At 22:25

March 05

it was passed to Colonel Hatim at 22:27

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From the Northern System Directorate
To the General Military Intelligence Directorate

At 09:15 today a group of about 30 individuals from youth and children gathered in Jiwar Qarnah manifesting and closing the main road. At 10:00 the situation intensified reaching to armed manifestations where some of the protestors holding the photo of Saddam Hussein and throwing it.

**The Assistant was informed about it.
1991 March 05**

Top Secret

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The Assistant

Al-Samawah situation report till 09:00 1991 Tuesday March 05

Following is the conclusion of the intelligence and security situation in Al-Samawah sector On 1991 March 05:

1. **Numbers**

- A. The enemies' air and land sectors from helicopters are still in their situation between AL-Khudur and Al-Draji where the main road was cut off (Al-Samawah-Al-Nasiryah) and the strategically road (petrol road) Al-Samawah-Al-Nasiryah to the depth towards the borders.
- B. The enemies' air sectors (helicopters) are still circling over the road of (Al-Samawah-Al-Salman) near Al-'Amarah city.
- C. The opposing helicopters continued its aggravating surpassing over the entries of Al-Samawah in a very low height attacking yesterday morning the Intelligence Fedayeen Detachment where the latter replied by gun attack and left its status without any accident.
- D. The sound of the opposing armed helicopters wasn't heard on the night of 1991March 4/5 because of bad weather conditions.

2. **Our Sectors**

- A. The rest of 45th Infantry Corps (division headquarter+ 2 regiments) withdrew from their defensive positions by 20-25 km south-east becoming under the command of Al-Jihad operations in Karbala' without any compensation.

- B. On 1991 March 05 the Fedayeen Intelligence groups of a number about 150 fighter withdrew.
- C. 90 fighters of the 999 Unit withdrew this morning to Baghdad.
- D. AL-Najaf and Karbala' sectors of the People's Army withdrew to their regions in Karbala' and Al-Najaf on 1991 March 04.
- E. Al-Qadisiyyah and al-Hilah sectors of the People's Army will be pulled back during this day to Al-Diwaniyyah and Al-Hilah.
- F. Till 09:00 1991 March 05 no force reached Al-Samawah sector.

3. Security Situation

- A. On the morning of 1991 March 04 a small opposing manifestation occurred in Al-Ramthiyah sector of young youth participants aged 12-17 where it was handled arresting a group of protestors.
- B. An armed fight occurred between a group of Al-Ramthiyah residents and the combined security group and the People's Army on the morning of 1991 March 04 resulting in the martyr of one of the security men with the wounding of two and where one of the saboteurs were killed and another wounded.
- C. Rumors are spreading widely inside the governorate and its counties stating that the saboteurs controlled the southern areas and are on their way to Al-Samawah which lead its residents to close the markets early on 1991 March 04.
- D. A group of soldiers from the Republican Guard Forces reported that a group of saboteurs from Al-Fajir district stopped and robbed their clothes and things then released them on the night of 1991 March 04.
- E. According to the instructions issued from the references and informed to us by your letter 1991 March 04, the Governorate and Branch Secretariat were ordered to open an operation center with: a Security Director, Military Intelligence Representative, and the Commander of the Specialized Sector, where the force will be under the command of the Governorate replaced by the Branch Secretariat. The operations opened proceeded in the presence of all officials except the Force Commander.
- F. The probable threatened axis in Al-Samawah governorate:
 - Al-Ramthiyah area needs a specialized protection force added to a force for securing the road of Al-Samawah-Al-Diwaniyyah especially in the areas of Al-Ramthiyah- Al-Hamzah.
 - The area of ??- Al-Samawah, for the expected emerge of saboteurs from Al-'Amiriyah to Al-Samawah for their current existence in Al-Draji controlling the illegible parallel to the river between Al-Nasiriyah and Al-Draji.
 - Al-Suwayib marsh North West Al-Samawah is considered a refuge for military fleers and the saboteurs.
 - The eastern and western sides of Al-Samawah are currently separated for the absence of the bridge connecting in between.

- The saboteurs are controlling the square of Al-‘Ishrin revolution ,7 April section ,Abu-Sufayr street, all the city entrances, and another places unknown by our source.
- Our source noticed that the local citizens are sympathizing with the saboteurs.
- The saboteurs took hand over and distributed all weapons.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim
Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn
At 18:10

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The content of the special instruction is carried out by the presence of the security and administrative organization directors in the operations chamber.

The governor requested to send a notice to Abu-Firas to send an immediate force mentioned before in your morning letter to avoid any emergency conditions which may occur in the sector.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Jalil
Received by: Warrant Officer Ahmad
At 20:05

1991 March 04

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From/ Al-Samawah
To/ the Directorate

The situation continues and the Representative of Al-Jihad Command Forces arrived inquires about the arrival of the force (Infantry Regiment) which passed by yesterday. He was informed that till now no force or any officers arrived. The Governor and the Branch Secretariat requested to be informed that the regiment is insufficient and that the saboteurs will probably move towards different directions for the city is divided after disconnecting the bridge. A special force should be specialized for Al-Ramthiyah County because incidents escalated this day.

Sent by: ‘Abd-al-‘Aziz
Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn
At: 23:30

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From/
To/

- 1- Remain currently in the command headquarter with the officers and a slight number of soldiers.
- 2- We ordered a group of them to open the road of Qal'at Salih –Al-'Aziz and we will commence at 10:00 this day.
- 3- We know nothing about the situations in other sectors.
- 4- Part of the 34th Corps headquarter in Al-Salam was evacuated to be surrounded by the saboteurs by a helicopter which returned to Al-Kut without any orders.
- 5- Send a helicopter to our headquarter for transferring us to the near headquarters to be informed about the situation and coordinate.
- 6- Please inform us.

Sent by: Hamid Kazim

Received by: Jalil Ibrahim

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Ibrahim isn't present went to the branch and delayed the movements. Fadil stated that he met one of the Brigade Staff Officers recommending the important call of Al-Mustafa commander for coordination. Till now nothing occurred and we will inform you when the commander returns.

1991March 04 Answer the above letter (is Al-Mustafa in front or behind you, and is there any coordination?)

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The Corps is unable to take any final procedure to control the riots. The saboteurs are setting check-points on the road. The situation will continue to the worse if not handled this day. We suggest the movement of an armed Brigade in Al-Basrah and Al-Kut and determine the sectors responsibilities.

Received by: Jalil Ibrahim

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The Assistant

Subject/ Riots Incidents in Al-Najaf

- 1- At 15:00 of this day a manifestation occurred on the entrance of Al-Najaf Governorate leading to armed clashes between the opposing parties, security in Al-Najaf, and the People's Army.

- 2- No information was available after this incident. You will be informed as soon as information will be forwarded from Al-Najaf Intelligence Center to Karbala' Intelligence Center.

**The Colonel
1991 March 03**

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The situation is controlled in Al-Basrah and some of the resistance remains. We dealt harshly with the saboteurs and tomorrow we will commence searching at 07:00 1991 March 04. Inform us if there is any another instructions to implement them.

The letter was received by the radio transmitter on the network.

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Karbala' Intelligence Center Commander

Subject/ Opposing Manifestation

On 1991 March 03 11:00 during the passage of a funeral convoy of two martyred from the battle of Gulf war in the separating square between Al-Imam Husayn and Al-'Abbas, a large number of people gathered behind repeating religious expressions which lead to fire shootings between them and the security members who were slightly wounded. Never the less, the situation was controlled with the arrest of some suspects by Karbala' Security Directorate.

**Captain
Khudayr 'Abbas Khalaf
Assistant of Karbala' Security Directorate
1991 March 03**

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Riots movements are still continuing and roads are cut-off between Al-Basrah and AL-'Amarah on the two sides.

Roads are closed till now.

We are now located in Qal'at Salih the location of Abu-Tul who's protected by the 19th Corps, 6th Armed Corps, 23rd Corps, and the 18th Corps inside the camp that doesn't exceed 15 officers and 50 soldiers.

Food supplies for officers are rare. The enlisted personnel need food supplies. We can't move for the above mentioned reasons.
Please be informed.

Warrant Officer
Khalil Ibrahim
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Warrant Officer
Hamid Kamil

At 15:25

Lieutenant Colonel Kazim reported that at 07:00 Captain 'Ali of the 3rd Infantry of the Northern and Eastern System Directorates left to inquire and follow up from its directors about the internal situation in the northern region and to be informed through the Liaison Officers about any immediate riot accidents.

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From/ Al-Samawah Station
To/ The General Military Intelligence Directorate

The following are riots accidents in Al-Samawah:

Writing opposing slogans in two different places inside Al-Samawah.

A slight youth gathering in Al-Ramthiyah.

A continuous random shooting inside Al-Samawah all the night in an excuse to welcome the sons from the battlefield.

The situation is handled.

Read at 14:30 on 1991 March 02 by Lieutenant Colonel Qays Jihad

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From/ Al-Nasiryyah Radio Station
To/ The General Military Intelligence Directorate

Today at 12:00 a group of the Deep Reconnaissance returned with the following information:

A column of the opposing vehicles formed of more than 42 vehicle, where part of it pulls artillery moving on the high-way of Al-Nasiryyah –Al-Basrah heading to the south.

Armed units in the size of a Division are present in Al-Khamsiyyah region.

Helicopters were detected over Abu-Ghar Al-Khamsiyyah then landed in the munitions storages.

Read at 22:35 on 1991 March 01 by Lieutenant Colonel Qays Jihad.

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Al-Faw forces the responsible for Al-Najaf, Al-Kufah, and Al-Haydariyyah cities need a lot of radio devices to get in contact with the Brigades and the Command. Commander of the Faw sent his demands to the Radio Directorate in Baghdad and officers to receive the devices. Do your best to insure these orders from the Radio Directorate and to be urgently sent.

Sent by: Qasim

Received by: Husayn

At: 19:50

Colonel Hatim was informed

through illegible Husayn at 20:00

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Currently we are not able to send any evidence because we're in a distinct place. Don't send anyone now we will inform you later when to send.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Jamil

Received by: Warrant Officer Kazim

At: 12:17

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All detainees from Officers, Reconnaissance, fighters, and civilians were released. We will inform later with further details.

Sent by: Warrant Officer

Received by: Warrant Officer Hatim

At 12:05

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From/ Abu-'Ali AL-Najaf Governorate
To/ Abu-Firas

The heroic work of Al-Faw is good in all governorates. But we need a force under our command to purge and search the center. Numbers of our party and internal security devices are few.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Ahmad

Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn

At 07:15

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From/ Origin
To/ Abu Firas

The situation is still stable after the entrance of the Republican Guard Brigade and the Commandos Brigade of two regiments. A number of saboteurs were killed; others escaped, and disappeared in distinct places. Tomorrow morning searching for saboteurs and weapons will begin in the residential areas.

Sent by: 'Abd-al- Rida
Received by: Warrant Officer Hamid

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According to the situation of yesterday's battle we concluded the following:

- The main force of the enemy used the road of Al-Shabi/ Shaykh Sa'id –Al-Kut and Badrah- Jasan-al-Kut.
- More than 20 vehicles were utilized, in addition to a number of holding machine guns of different calibers.
- It has been proved that Iran is the supplier and organizer of these sectors profiting from the Iraqi captives after brain washing them stressing on the military situation inside the country.
- It has been detected that a large number of these captives were infiltrated to Iraq before the latest incidents, by evidence that a lot of identities and driving licenses were used to transfer fuel during the distribution prior to the time of fuel pump stoppage for citizens.
- A group of religious figures or leaders are directing them to the targets but they were urging to flee from the first moment of clashing and that's what really happened yesterday for they were the first fleers.
- It is essential after the failure of the borders command in this stage to take the vertical road towards the borders, in spite that it didn't exposed to any pressure by the saboteurs.
- This applies to the main road Basrah-Baghdad.
- Procedures are set concerning sectors between Al-Qarnah and Al-Kut.
- It is important to set a headquarter in all the cities avoiding what happened in Al-Kut where about 500 saboteurs managed to loot the city and its entrances without any resistance.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim
Received by: Warrant Officer Hatim

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March 22 06:30 a force of Abu-Tull moved towards Mr. Khudur in Suk-al-Shuyukh. At 11:30 the force clashed with a group of 80-100 saboteur at the crossroad (MT 5928)

At 13:30 the force was able to eliminate the resistance.
Six members of the saboteurs were taken captives and eight were killed.
Four mortars, one double and one single machine guns were seized.
At 14:00 the force continued to move towards Suk-al-Shuyukh
At 15:00 the force was confronted at Al-'Amarah Bridge (MT 6621) by a group of saboteurs from the riots organs, the situation was handled by the engineering groups.
At 16:00 the force reached Qasabat-al-Tar and was controlled at 07:30 on March 23 where a force from the 46th Corps commenced towards Karmat Bani Sa'id. We are ahead of them because the bridge is wrecked in Al-Tar area and weather conditions are bad.
At 10:30 we entered to Karmat Bani Sa'id and met Abu-Haytham group and coordinated in between.

Sent by:

Received by: Warrant Officer Khalid

At 22:30

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- 1- 1st Infantry Regiment 1st Corps is currently on the high way of Al-Diwaniyyah before Al-Shumi area in 10-20 km. The commander of the Infantry is Staff Colonel Muhammad Ilyas Hamad.
- 2- It was decided for him to move to Al-Mahawili camp. His movement will be cancelled and he will head to Al-Sa'diyah camp immediately to defend and reorganize it.
- 3- Platoon Sergeant Muhammad Khalaf
- 4- 97 Infantry needs vehicles to move for two of its regiments didn't move till now. They are located in Sumayyah area, Commander of
March 07 at 01:05

Captain Sarhan informed us that the 97th Brigade didn't send anything except one car. Staff Brigadier Sa'id and Captain Hatim are in Al-Fallujah.

**Staff Brigadier
Mukhlif Khalaf Al-Jaburi**

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- 1- 6th Corps Special Guard is present with about 60 holding the position near Al-Hilah-Najaf crossroad (before the city entrance).
- 2- 5th Brigade controls hardly the location in front of Al-Mahawili by a regiment of 20 fighters and 2nd regiment of 30 fighters.
- 3- The 1st regiment protects the establishments in Al-Mahawili neighborhood (near the police station) distributed into two companies on the new road. And another one facing the neighborhood from the train track.
- 4- The 2nd regiment protects hardly the installations by two companies, while the other companies didn't reach yet.

Someone reached from the 1st Infantry Commandoes (company +) he's now at the entrance of Al-Mahawili camp.

Page 9 March 05 17:35

The telegram states the complete purging of Al-Hayaniyah preparing for Al-Jahuriyah. Also mentioned that two American officers were arrested one of them was a Colonel, where it was stated that a list of the lost Americans and other nationalities was sent with Abdullah according to the request of the American side during a meeting held on February 02.

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The saboteurs are distributed in the south of Al-Hilah and its orchards where army forces uses artilleries and mortars to support the 5th Brigade, the Division Commandos Regiment, and three companies of the 605 brigade to purge the city.

Sent by: Karim

Received by: Jalil

At 10:50 March 03

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On March 05 91 at 17:00 Babil governorate center was totally purged from the saboteurs and several tanks and artilleries were destroyed after gaining several preys.

Sent by: Warrant officer Ibrahim

Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn

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The duty was accomplished in Al-Hilah with the control of the primary areas. They will reach Al-Najaf with the first dawn according to a plan directed by the member of command 'Abd-al-Hasan Zahi Far'un.

Sent by: Qasim

Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn

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From/ Karbala' Radio Station

To /the Main Station

The saboteurs took hold of Karbala' governorate dominating the branch and police headquarters. Al-Jihad Forces Commander requests the transfer of his headquarters towards AL-Majara – Al-Fallujah.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim

Received by: Warrant Officer Jalil

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Forces are now located on the outlooks of Al-'Amarah continuing to invade the city for purging it with the early dawn.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim

Received by: Warrant Officer Jalil

At 19:05

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The resistance has been wiped out in Al-Kafak near Babil and we are moving towards Al-Najaf.

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The saboteurs are still resisting in Al-Hilah and attacked the branch headquarters.

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The current situation on March 05 at 12:30 the saboteurs are located in: Al-Thawrah and Al-Shawi neighborhood, people's command army region, and Al-Hilah region. The army is intensely attacking the saboteurs and completing the purging using several artilleries, mortars, and weapons.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim
Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn Jasim
At 13:15

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The columns are still purging the city from several directions to attack the saboteurs.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Karim Hamid
Received by: Warrant Officer Jalil Kazar **At: 12:50**

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From /Karbala'
To/ the General Military Intelligence Directorate March 03

At 15:05 the saboteurs began shooting inside Karbala' aiming from Tuwayrig, Al-Imam, and Al-'Abbasiyah.
Orders were issued from Al-Jihad Corps Commander to handle the situation.

Sent by: Kazim 'Ujayl **Major**
Received by: Jalil Kazar **Ra'd Sattar**
At 15:30

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Date: 1991 March 05

From/ Karbala'
To/ General Military Intelligence Directorate

Current situation at 16:55: (1) Bombardment is intensive inside houses and unknown complexes. (2) Increase shooting inside the governorate and the Branch of the 54 Division. (3) The situation of the distributed sectors of the division is still unknown because of the difficulty in transportation. (4) The headquarters division is only fighting by rifles from its position. (5) Currently, there is no movement inside the governorate while shooting continues from all directions. (6) There are various controls where several streets names are still unknown. (7) The situation of the 120 and 503 Infantry Brigade is unknown for the difficulty in transportation.

It was reviewed by the Assistant
Signature
1991 March 05

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The purging of Karbala' is accomplished defeating all saboteurs. We are now walking around the city with the company of the governor and Ba'th party members.

1991 March 05 17:20

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The Party Section and the People's Military Command Headquarters have been purged from all resistance. The pursue of saboteurs is being continued in separate places in the city.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Ibrahim
Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn
At 16:30

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From/ Karbala' Radio Station
To / Main Station

Situation till 16:35. Shooting is aimed at the 54th Corps near Karbala' Branch where the saboteurs are still surrounded and the situation is unclear.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim
Received by: Warrant Officer Jalil
At 16:55

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Till now, we are not sure about the traverse of Abu-Ma'in group. The advance guards are located in Salih castle with the largest section located in Al-Azyr

Sent by: Warrant Officer Hamid Kamil
Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn Muhammad
Signed by: Major Ra'd Sattar

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From/ Karbala' Radio Station
To/ Main Station

Current situation at 16:55: (1) Bombardment is intensive inside houses and unknown complexes. (2) Increase shooting inside the governorate and the Branch of the 54 Division. (3) The situation of the distributed sectors of the division is still unknown because of the difficulty in transportation. (4) The headquarters division is only fighting by rifles from its position. (5) Currently, there is no movement inside the governorate while shooting continues from all directions. (6) There are various controls where several streets names are still unknown. (7) The situation of the 120 and 503 Infantry Brigade is unknown for the difficulty in transportation.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim

Received by: Warrant Officer Jalil

At 17:05

Major (signature)

March 05

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Forces are now purging inside the city. There is no resistance till now.

Sent by: Ibrahim

Received by: Warrant Officer Jalil

At: 09:01

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March 05

At 07:00 Azhar group moved to Kamit to trace Al-Mustafa group reaching the city of Al-'Amarah foe surrounding it and terminate all the saboteurs inside. 15 transportation means were insured from al-Hakam group and two units minus from Azhar group were prepared in my position now to remove the resistance at 09:00 in an average of minus one unit aiming from the former Ayad headquarters and Al-Hakam group location. But due to bad weather conditions and existence of air warning, we were not able to carry out the mission on time and we are awaiting the suitable change in weather to accomplish our mission.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim
Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn
At: 08:40

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From/ Karbala' Radio Station
To/ Main Station

We received information stating the following:
The director of Al-Haydariyah sub district joined to Al-Najaf governorate has reached Karbala' governorate declaring the arrival and domination of the saboteurs forces to Al-Haydariyah sub district through the road of Al-Kafal. Al-Haydariyah is 30 km away from Karbala'. The saboteurs are now behind the sectors of Al-Najaf. (Comment) the situation demands swiftness in procedures and sending a big force to Karbala'.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim
Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn
At: 11:45

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From
To/ General Military Intelligence Directorate
The current situation of the governorate: an hour ago low fire shootings launched and increased at the moment. Different weapons and RPG7 launchers are situated in the Souk Al-Kabir aiming at the center. The situation is very bad.

Sent by: 'Abd-al-Aziz Shakir
Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn Jasim
At: 11:25
March 05

From/

To/ Military Security Deputy Directorate 16th Section and Office of the Secretariat
Section 272 Origin /496

- 1- Lieutenant Colonel Khalid Hasan Taha attended to Al-Muthana Security Center who was assigned by a duty with Staff Brigade Muhammad Rida Ghathith in the west Operations Command Headquarters after eliminating all families and informing us the following:
- 2- *a-* The riots incidents and movements began in the county of Souk-al-Shuyukh in 1991 March 01 morning and also in Al-Fuhud sub district and began gradually spreading. Information was received towards Dhi Qar governorate on the same date.
-b- Shooting and riots works occurred in Al-Nasiryyah
-c- on the morning of 1991 March 02 it was noticed the escape of citizens outside the city of Al-Nasiryyah who were content by the arrival of Souk-al-Shuyukh. As a consequence, the West Operations Headquarters moved to the Roads and Bridges Directorate building in the governorate.
-d- After intensifying the fire shooting inside the city, emission of smoke was seen at 12:00 on 1991 March 02 from several places where it was revealed that the saboteurs burned all party and governmental headquarters and arrested a number of governmental directors, party device, and Security Organizations.
-e- 1991 March 02 at 14:00 a heavy shooting of launchers occurred towards the west operations command (Roads and Bridges building) accompanied by several attacks till (18:30) where the saboteurs surrounded the building shooting it by missiles resulting in the intensified smoke inside the building. The quadruple machine gun located in the headquarters command was captured and at 19:30 the saboteurs invaded the building where there was the Commander, officers, and personnel existed where they were held captives in the operations headquarters (they were from the operation command officers) with unknown names. However, concerning the rest of the directorate Officers, their fate is still unknown where it is said that they were possibly captured inside the building.
-f- the saboteurs set checkpoints on the road of Al-Rifa'i-Al-Nasiriyah.
-e- on 1991 March 02 at 24:00 the arrival of a military Force was noticed in a short time after the departure of saboteurs.
It was said that in Dhi Qar governorate the Staff Lieutenant General Nizar Al-Khazraji may be martyred as a result of severe wounds added to the death of Dhi Qar governorate and a number of officials where their names are unknown by a lieutenant Colonel Khalid declares.

-3- The saboteurs utilized different kinds of weapons from PKT machine-guns to RBG7 launchers, Kalashnikov rifles, and JC using also civil vehicles some of which were gained from the state departments.

-4- on the date of 1991 March 03 at 20:00 Brigadier General illegible returned to al-Muthana Intelligence Directorate accompanied by a Lieutenant Colonel where both of them were from the Air Defense /3 in al-Nasiryah managing to escape captivity informing that a number of officers in the Air Defense /3sector were held captives and others were martyrs.

-5- Al-Muthana governorate witnesses slight riots movements. Never the less, fleers from Dhi Qar intensified the situation knowing that no sectors are present in the governorate.

-6- We suggest designating a special force to control the governorate.

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From/ Karbala' Radio Station
To/ The Main Station

The saboteurs managed to take hold of Karbala' Intelligence Center. You will be informed in case of any new information.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim
Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn

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The city now had been purged eliminating all saboteurs. We are now inside the city with the governor and some Ba'th Party members.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Ibrahim
Received by: Warrant Officer Khalil
At: 16:45

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From the General Military Intelligence Directorate / 5th Deputy Directorate (Iran)

Al-Samawah at 10:20
Situation from 09:00 is stable no change.
Al-Kut

Till 10:30 situation regular.

March 04

At 11:00 a captain reached from the Light Battery and began to open the road of Al-Qarnah-Al-Aziz –Salah-al-Dine castle- there is also small columns passing. We still have a force constituting from a Tank Platoon and an Infantry Platoon to lead the road along Salah-al-Dine castle.

We need fuel, tanks, and transporters. Please be informed about our situation in Al-Basrah and Al-Zubayr sector for the urgent need.

From/ Karbala'

To/ General Military Intelligence Directorate

We received information concerning the location of saboteurs in Al-Najaf. (1) In Al-Najaf governorate in a house facing garage Baghdad (the center) (2) a number of agents are located in the cemeteries. (3) At the entry of Al-Najaf leading to Karbala'. (6) Others outside Al-Najaf on the main road.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim

Received by: Warrant Officer Jalil

At: 14:15

Staff Colonel Nizar was

Informed to send immediately the aircrafts.

From the General Military Intelligence Directorate/ 5th Deputy Director (Iran)

1991 March 03

1. Send an officer from Karbala' at 09:00 to view the situation Al-Najaf
2. At 10:10 Uncle Sabir contacted Al-Samawah station informing that the situation was normal.

From/ Al-Kut
To/ 1st Deputy Directorate

1. 1991 March 03 at 16:30 some of the riots dropped two hand grenades on the committee of the Party Commander in Wasit governorate causing no casualties.
2. Situation till 16:00 1991 March 04 no accidents.

**Lieutenant Colonel
'Amir Ahmad Hasun
1991 March 04**

**Lieutenant Colonel
Thabit Muhammad Sa'id**

**Captain
Safi Muhammad Khudayr
1991 March 04**

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Deputy Directorate Staff Officer

Subject/ Information

- 1- On March 02 a group of unknown individuals burned two photos of Saddam Hussein near the city of Al-Saniyah.
- 2- Some individuals wrote opposing slogans of (Saddam the coward) inside Al-Diwaniyyah city which were taken off by the governorate Security Directorate.
- 3- On 1991 March 03 at 20:45 several groups manifested and broke into Al-Shamiyyah section of the party Commander a clash occurred inside the section between the opposing forces and comrades which lead to the martyr of a comrade and wound of five and led to the death of two from the opposing parties. The combat lasted till 10:00 in the day of 1991 March 04 knowing that the attackers were repeating phrases like (Saddam fails).

**Major
Qays 'Abd-al-Latif
1991 March 04**

**the Aide was informed about
these information.
1991 March 04**

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March 04

We reached I-Mustafa groups and purged the city of Kamit and 'Ali-al-Sharki from the saboteurs at 19:00. Kamit was controlled hardly this night and we will commence to enter Al-'Amarah city by the first dawn of tomorrow knowing that the distance to al-'Amarah is 40 km. Security bases were founded this night in Kamit, 'Ali al-Sharki, 'Ali al-Gharbi, and Shaykh Sa'd to protect the road.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim

Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn

At: 21:35

Major Ra'd informed us that the 3rd Aide transmitted the letter to the General Director

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21:45

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From/ Karbala'

To/ The Directorate

We received information stating that the saboteurs opened two controls the first in the crossroad of Al-Husayniyah near Al-Musabib and the second is 10km away towards Al-Musabib. A force was released to handle the situation.

Sent By: Warrant Officer Kazim

Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn

At 22:55

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From/ 1st Corps Al-Kut

To/ Abu Firas

At illegible time two forces proceeded under the command of the 40th Division as follows: the first force, 1st Division 2nd Division 2nd Armored Brigade 1st Corps + Dukan Deputy Directorate Armored Company to maintain security and purge Shaykh Sa'd region. The headquarters of 2nd Commandos Infantry 1st Corps + 3rd Corps Infantry to protect and purge 'Ali-al-Gharbi. The sectors which will reach later will start by the foreign bases in the region of 'Ali al-Gharbi.

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From/ Karbala' Radio Station

To/ General Military Intelligence Directorate

We received information from Al-Najaf governorate showing that the comrade 'Abd-al-Hasan Zahi Far'un is surrounded by the saboteurs in Al-Najaf Headquarters Branch and resisting. Until now no forces reached him. The forces heading to Al-Najaf may have reached we will supply you later with details.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim

Received by: Warrant Officer Jalil

At: 14:10

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From/ Ayad/ Al-Qadisiyyah Radio Station

To/

Al-Hilah control informed about riots in Al-Hilah, and in front of the governorate two helicopters made an airdrop of individuals. The Major of Al-Hilah Intelligence was seen heading towards Baghdad. There is a lot of confusion in Al-Diwaniyyah and the road is dangerous. Inform us.

Sent by: Khalid

Received by: Warrant Officer Jalil

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at 17:00

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From/ Karbala'

To/

We received information indicating. Commander of the 120 Brigade located in Al-Najaf Infantry training center called under the command of the 69 Battalion Tank Brigade Naqis. Request his immediate report from. The resistance is intensive and needs an extra brigade. The saboteurs are equipped by mortars, launchers, rifles, and machine guns. At 15:30 a Mechanized and Infantry Regiment was sent for reinforcement.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Jalil

Received by: Warrant Officer Kazim

At: 16:20

From/ Karbala'

A force merged from Karbala' - Al-Najaf. It was confronted by the saboteurs and three tanks were captured.

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From/ Karbala' At 17:10
To/ The Main 1991 March 04

Source number 6. The situation in Al-Najaf till 16:00. (1) The saboteurs are dominating large place in the city. (2) Order was issued to quit the governorate headquarter and head to al-Hilah. (3) The situation needs to be directly handled by an air force fortified with armored vehicles from several directions. (4) It was inquired from some of the arrivals from Al-Najaf about any of our organs in Al-Najaf Intelligence Center he answered by having no information.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Kazim

Received by: Warrant Officer Jalil

At: 17:15 1991 March 04

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1. Qal'at Salah Station a. Shakir Bashir
 - a. Ra'd 'Abd 'Un
 - b. Ramadan Hilal
 - c. Arkan Yunis
2. Al-Diwaniyyah Station a. Major Qays 'Abd al-Latif
 - b. Captain Sharhan Jabbar
3. 3. Karbala' Station a. Brigadier General 'Abd -al-Wahab Muhammad
 - b. Jihad Hamid
 - c. Khalid Mustafa Yasin
 - d. Captain Fu'ad Ghalib 'Abd-al- Latif
4. 4. Al-Najaf Station a. Deputy Chief Sadad 'Abd-al-Karim
 - b. Lieutenant Colonel Mahmud Karam

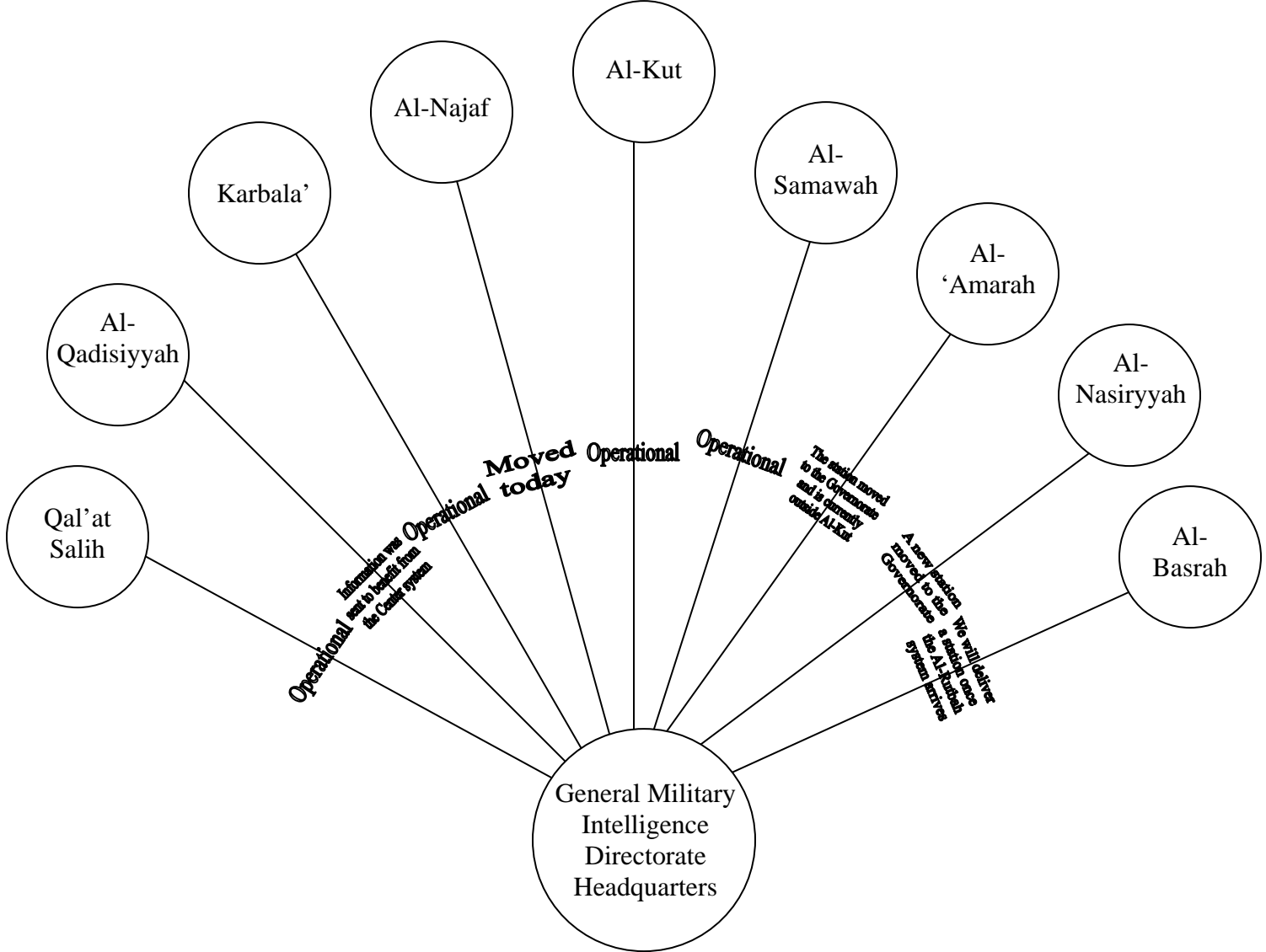
5. Al-Kut Station
 - a. Lieutenant Colonel ‘Amir Ahmad Hasun
 - b. Lieutenant Colonel Thabit Muhammad Sa’id
 - c. Captain Safi Muhammad

- a. 6. Al-Samawah Station
 - a. Staff Brigadier ‘Ismat Judi
 - b. Staff Brigadier Husayn Salim
 - c. Captain Sabah Naji

7. Al-‘Amarah Station directorate
 - a. Lieutenant Colonel Khalid from the computers
 - b. Major Khalid Mustafa Al-

8. Al-Nasirryah Station (will follow the column movement Kut-Nasirryah)
 - a. ‘Ali Salman
 - b. Lieutenant Colonel Majid/Computers Directorate
 - c. Major ‘Isam Majid

9. Al-Basrah Station (officers will be designated when situation improves.



1. The instruction of the General Director to send someone to obtain information about the situation in Al-Najaf governorate. Captain Fu'ad Ghalib 'Abd-al-Latif and Nihab (the driver of Brigadier 'Abd-al-Wahab Muhammad) were sent to Al-Najaf city facing the following accident:
 - a. While entering the city with the driver they encountered an armed group of saboteurs where they pretended that they have a relative martyred in Al-Najaf. They were also searched after hiding a Kalashnikov rifle and entered the city threatened.
 - b. Captain Fu'ad used an alternative way back and while returning back he noticed the existence of saboteurs in the enclosed area between the deputy directorate and Al-Najaf camps and the cemeteries street, where a number cars and soldiers were arrested by the saboteurs.
 - c. Captain Fu'ad assumes that the saboteurs are profiting from the near houses in the region in their transportation and intercepting the way of vehicles.
 - d. After leaving the city, and at a 500m distance he noticed three armored requesting from its soldiers to handle the saboteurs but they obeyed for ignoring his identity.
 - e. While returning back with the driver, their car broke down.
 - f. An immediate force under the command of lieutenant Colonel Husayn and Lieutenant Sa'id (999) accompanied by four fighters to evacuate the vehicle. They returned back at 14:30 without any accidents.
2. Captain Fu'ad wasn't able to emerge to the center of the city and reach Al-Najaf Intelligence Center to obtain information for the above mentioned reasons.
3.
 - a.. Direct the intelligence of the Eastern Zone to immediately reinforce Al-Najaf Intelligence center by a sufficient force.
 - b. Send a Radio Station with two officers to Al-Najaf to insure contact in between and obtain accurate and swift information.

Brigadier
'Abd-al-Wahab Muhammad
1991 March 04 15:05

To President Saddam Hussein Secretary

Riots Accidents

1. The riots continue their works in the city of Al-'Amarah, Kamit, 'Ali-al-Gharbi, Salah castle, Al-Majar, and Al-Sharhi imposing their controls on the governorate center, and our armored helicopters proceeded to confront their controls on the road of Al-'Amarah-Kut.
2. At 15:00 today, a manifestation occurred on the entrance of Al-Najaf governorate developing in armored accidents between the security members and the People's Army.
3. At 11:30 during the passage of a funeral convoy of two martyrs in Karbala', the situation evolved into a fight between the security members and some civilians using fire guns.
4. No accidents occurred in Babil and Wasit governorates.

**Staff Lieutenant General
Director of the General Military Intelligence
1991 March 03**

The Assistant
Situation Report in Al-Samawah

The situation till 10:00 on 1991 March 03

1. Our Sectors

- A. The specialized patrols from the 45th Infantry Headquarters without accidents.
- B. No changes exist in the sectors, the 45th Infantry Headquarters (headquarter+ regiment) are now located South-east of Al-Samawah at a 25km distance.
- C. The 45th Corps is now under the command of Al-Jihad Forces instead of the 1st Corps.

2 The Enemy

- A. Al-Samawah-Al-Nasiryah main road is still cut away because the opposing forces are still present in their previous statuses between Al-Khudur and Al-Draji .
- B. The strategic fuel path (Al-Samawah-Al-Nasiryah) is still cut off.
- C. The opposing helicopters dominated the road of (Al-Samawah-Al-Salman) through its continuous presence on the day of 1991 March 02 in the form of patrols and air groups not exceeding the height of 5m with three helicopters for each group where it continued its existence behind the units of the 45th Infantry Corps prohibiting the return of Brigades members to and Al-Samawah.
- D. The opposing helicopters bombarded the fuel filters in Al-Samawah. It is assumed that it aimed to explode some of the illegible missiles.
- E. No accidents or armed helicopter clashes were recorded.
- F. The helicopters exceeded its limits by flying over the roads in low groups leading to Al-Samawah and reaching entries of the city on 1991 March 02 and till now.
- G. Fighting aircrafts flied over Al-Samawah in a high height three times daily and twice at night.

3. Security Situation

It is stable with no accidents except the random shootings in a different average of last night 1991 March 04.

**Staff Brigadier General
'Ismat Judi Muhammad
Al-Samawah
1991 March 03**

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From/ Al-Nasiryah

To/ The General Military Intelligence Directorate

500 opposing individuals merged into Suk-al-Shukh especially from the groups of Bani Sa'id performing sabotage activities, repeating opposing slogans, and carrying the photo of Muhsin Al-Hakim and under the surveillance of the American Forces. Three helicopters flew at very low heights assumed to be assigned for taking photos for riots activities. People showed no cooperation and closed their shops. These groups assassinated the deputy Governor and a number of comrades added to the robbery of the food stores houses.

**It was read by Captain Basil Muhammad
On 1991 March 02**

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From/ Al-Nasiryah Station

To/ Intelligence

The investigation group returned at 00:30 March 01 with the following information: at 10:30, 30 wheeled armors, 6 mid machine guns with 2 command vehicles, and fuel vehicles moved on the road of Al-Nasiryah-Al-Basrah heading towards the old road at a distance of 8km away from Al-Nasiryah warehouse. At 16:20 15 armors headed by a small vehicle was detected on the fast road of **Qa'idat 'Ali**. No Tanks were found on the fast axis of Al- Nasiryah-Al-Basrah.

Read by Captain Basil Muhammad

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From/ Al-Nasiryah

To/ Intelligence

Some members of Al-Da'wah murdered the Deputy Governor of Al-Jabayish on the night of March 28.

At 06:00 March 0, 300 persons of the opposing organizations burst into the party Division in Al-Fuhud killing the companions and director of the district and set check points on the road of Al-Fuhud-Al-Jabayish to collect all weapons and munitions from sneakers.

Read at 12:35
By Captain Basil Muhammad

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The Assistant
Subject/ Riots Activities

1. Al-Samawah Sector

Security situation is controlled in all governorates where some elements held opposing slogans in public areas and gathering in Al-Ramitha County, these were arrested with their families by the security men

2. Al-Nasiryyah Sector

- 500 opposing individuals merged into Suk-al-Shuyukh.
- Murdering the Deputy Governor of Suk-al-Shuyukh and carrying out their riot activities and held photo of Muhsin Al-Hakim son where also three helicopters flied at low heights without attacking them.
- The riots set a number of points on the road of Suk-al-Shuyukh –Al-Nasiryyah to lay hand over all weapons and munitions. However, the residents didn't show any compassion with them.
- Murdering Al-Jabayish Deputy Governor on the night of 28 February/ 01 March and a of group of (30-40) broke into the party division and police station Al-Fuhud district killing the sabotage comrades and laying hand over their weapons.
- The riots activities extended to reach the district of Al-Islah where clues showed that the local residents were sympathized with them.
- Murder of a security officer ranked as a Captain inside Al-Nasiryyah and gaining a vehicle from the security governorate and throwing hand grenades on the security and intelligence members which lead to their death.

Staff Brigadier General

**Senior Staff Officer
1991 March 02**

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1991 March 02

From/ Al-Samawah Station
To/ The General Military Intelligence Directorate

Situation till 16:00 March 02, nothing new occurred regarding the enemy side. Al-Samawah-Al-Nasiryah road is still cut and controlled by the enemy. Security situation is stable. The enemy helicopters flied over Al-Samawah this afternoon.

**Read at 18:30
1991 March 02
By Lieutenant Colonel Qays Jihad**

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From/ Al-Nasiryah Station
To/ The General Military Intelligence Directorate

From Abu- Ahmad Al-Khazraji to Abu-Firas. There is a riots activity performed by the saboteurs of the Marches in Al-Karmah, Suk-al-Shuyukh, and the region between Al-Hammar and Al-Jabayish. We suggest sending a force to Al-Jabayish to prevent the riots from spreading.

The saboteurs are benefiting from the weapons of soldiers.

**Opened at 20:35 March 01
By Lieutenant Colonel Qays Jihad**

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From/ Al-Nasiryah Station
To/ The General Military Intelligence Directorate

Today's current situation till 16:00. Riots activities in Suk-Al-Shuyukh-Al-Karmah –Al-Fuhud. The enemy inserted a number of armors with 50 civilians carrying posters inscribed by phrases of The Islamic Revolution. The coalition forces reached a distance of 8km from Al-Nasiryah through the road of Suk-al-Shuyukh-Al-Fadwiyyah –Al-Nasiryah continuing its movement towards the city. An opposing force consisted of 30 armors and 10 helicopters managed to occupy Ali Air Command at 15:00 today.

Viewed at 23:20
1991 March 01
By Lieutenant Colonel Qays Jihad

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The district of Al-Mushanb is purged and we gained a number of weapons. The saboteurs left behind their weapons and escaped.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Jamil
Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn
At: 14:50

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Al-Diwaniyyah city is surrounded and we controlled its camp with a number of tanks, guns, and vehicles, capturing and killing large numbers of saboteurs. The search is being continued inside.

Sent by: Warrant Officer Jamil
Received by: Warrant Officer Husayn
At 13:45

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From/ Khanaqin

To/ Baghdad

Situation till 18:00 March 25. 34th Division. At 09:00 a force consisted of the 3rd Corps 9th Infantry Brigade, 5 vehicles, armed persons, and 2 tanks surrounded and searched each of the first and second Al-Ta'mim neighborhoods, Qarush, and Kud.

At 16:30 the force returned from duty without any accident.

At 19:45 March 25 the enemy attacked locations of the 4th Brigade from the road of Al-Nadriyah and Al-Yasin post. The enemy was forced to retreat and Al-Nadriyah post was fortified by two tanks, three vehicles, armed individuals, and 30 soldiers from the division sector where the situation settled at 21:00. Another defense line was seized by a group of fighters from 'Uqab group in the same area.

Sent by: Warrant Officer 'Adnan

Received by: Warrant Officer Hatim

At 15:00

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The sectors of Al-Najaf and Al- Kufah were handled an Al-'Abbasiyah sub-district which is 7km from the city of Al-Kut was controlled, though for this purpose Al-Najaf is considered to be completed with an accurate search plan where lots of saboteurs are still lost. A potential engineering plan was set regarding the sectioning of the cemetery in Al-Najaf to streets. The responsible Staff Brigadier is capable of accomplishing this mission and the more he increases the potential engineering work will be more efficient for this sectioning is a vital component for insuring the security of the city currently and for the future.

The security forces and police preceded work adequately after the join of the police and security directors. We are waiting for Al-Najaf governor for working in a more organized manner.

Received by Captain Khalid Salah-al-Dine

Head of the Radio Station

At 21:45

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Situation till 09:00

Al-Basrah Good

Qal'at Salah Good

Al-Nasiryyah Good, the governorate building was purged with the surrounding areas.

Al-Hilah Excellent, numbers of surrenders and arrested exceeded.

Karbala' we plan to invade it today
Al-'Amarah Purging with Al-Majar at 06:30

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To/ The Assistant
Subject/ Information

Cited below is the information reported by officers Salah Kazim Jabbar and Lieutenant Muhammad Rashad 'Aziz of the 999 Unit who witnessed the riots actions in Al-Samawah city on 1991 March 05:

1. The riots movements began in the south of the city from Al-Nasiryyah shaping in simple assembly of youth individuals with rifle and launchers shootings. Another group merged from the area of the orchards through the river.
2. The riots aimed at the governmental establishments (the governorate, security and military departments including the training center and hospitals). We were informed that Lieutenant Zayd was killed.
3. The Officers wandered in civil outfits and while being questioned they pretended that they were prisoners in Al-Sulaymaniyah and from the People's Army where they were deprived from their weapons.
4. Someone was witnessed in a vehicle (15105Qadisiyyah) moving inside Al-Hamzah city doubted to be one of the headquarters of the sabotage groups entitled by them as the (the Sa'd)
5. The number of groups at the entrances of sections is small not exceeding 5-10 individuals.
6. A control consisting of 2 vehicles is located near the south station of Al-Diwaniyyah by 15 km. In addition the force is comprised of 15 soldiers in each vehicle accompanied by Officers with a duty of collecting weapons and prohibiting its entry to Al-Diwaniyyah.
7. The officers moved walking from Al-Samawah-Al-Ramthiyah-Al-Hamzah- Al-Diwaniyyah) then utilized a

Vehicle from Al-Diwaniyyah to Baghdad on the highway reaching at 03:00 from this day.

Staff Brigadier
Mukhlif Khalaf Al-Jaburi

Captain
Salah Kazim Jabbar

Lieutenant
Muhammad Rashad 'Aziz

Page 112-113 a memo from the General Military Intelligence Directorate to the assistant mentioning the arrest of a group of saboteurs with their families for publishing opposing slogans.

Page 128 is a memo stating that Iran is behind the preparations of opposing organizations by using Iraqi captives after brain washing them to attack the country.

Pages 20, 25, 28, 32, 34, 35, 45-49, 56, 65, 66, 69, 79, 91, 92, 96, 102, 105-107, 127, 142, 145, 146 contain lists, memos, notifications, and an illustrative figure.