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- Male 1** Shooter...right? ...You have them?
- Military Personnel** Groups...each group has a shooter...each squad is a missile battery.
- Male 1** O.K... all these commanders deserve bravery medals.
- Military Personnel** Yes sir. [Inaudible]
- Military Personnel** Sir...Please forgive me but I like to say that there is a shooter in each missile battery who is also the Direction Guidance Officer. [Inaudible]
- Military Personnel** Sir...the work in the missile battery is a collective effort... in another word all the elements in the missile battery are doing an essential job... [Inaudible]
- Male1** But I want to know who is the person that will face the consequences, and who will face most of the risk resulting from his decision in the missile battery.
- Military Personnel** Sir...the direction guidance officer [shooter] and the battery commander. [Inaudible]
- Male 1** O. K. Then...the battery commander ...the group commander and the direction guidance officer will be rewarded bravery medals but the rest will get the mother of all battles decorations.
- What else do we have?
- Military Personnel** One of the lessons learned from this battle is the essential and the critical role of the air-surveillance Radar units and its elements... [Inaudible] they did a great job in collecting very precise information, which affected the battles' outcome. [Inaudible]
- Male 1** Do not expand the honoring more than the level of danger. For example, in many occasions our Ba'th Party comrades were in the same location with military commanders, even in the same vehicle and facing the same danger, but the military commanders are the ones who make the decisions and they are the ones who will take the responsibility of their decisions ...I want to give the bravery medals to these guys but not to the people who support them.
- I want to differentiate between the people who make the decisions and

the rest of their colleagues.

I want to reward the bravery medals to all the people who fought in the area south of line 32 degree and north of line 36 degree. But the people who fought in the area north of line 32 degrees and south of line 36 degrees will get the Mother-of-all-Battles decorations.

Military Personnel The first sector of air defense took a great deal... [Inaudible]

Male 1 It was one battle only... there were no threats at all...no one attacked them...all air defense personnel south of line 32 degrees and north of line 36 degrees will be given bravery medals and one million Dinars each. [Inaudible]
As for the rest... they will be given the Mother-of-all-Battles decoration and half a million Dinars each.
We look at the issue of honoring as a very important matter. But people think that honoring military personnel is similar to honoring a student. So some of these people will give a gift to the student who fails out of pity and to encourage them. In the mean time they think that the student who succeeds should get nothing because he passed and his success is an honor all on its own.
With regards to the pilots I want to reward the pilots who took-off and confronted the enemy.

Military Personnel There are three pilots who took-off in MiG-23 fighter and MiG-25 fighter. [Inaudible]

Male 1 These pilots will be given bravery medals and 2 million Dinars each.

Military Personnel In addition to these pilots, very advanced engineering staff supports the air defense missile batteries... [Inaudible]...but we have some suggestions to improve the quality of the equipment and the engineering staff. [Inaudible]

Male 1 “Muzahim” will write your suggestions about this matter.
As far as the ground combat forces... we will differentiate between the people who make the decisions and the people who support their decisions.

Military Personnel The air defense forces in Kirkuk played an essential role in the battle of “Twekelna Ala Allah”...

Male 1 “Mehdi”... what essential role did they play? A single plane did not attack them.

Is there any other observation? Everything is clear now...did we forget

anything?
[Inaudible]

Military Personnel Thank you sir for your approval on the petition that I submitted to your Excellency. Also, I would like to submit the names of 20 pilots from the army aviation for the purpose of honoring them, in addition to the names of the commanders of four squadrons, the commanders of the wing and the commanders of the air base so the total will be 27.
[Inaudible]

Male 1 “Muzahim” will examine the issue of honoring the army aviation.

If people heard that an honoring took place for the armed forces they will think that the leadership is pleased with their performance, but if they heard that there was no honoring they will think that the leadership is not pleased with their performance.

Military Personnel We are your soldiers sir... just being by your side is the biggest gift for us.

Male 1 May god protect you and may god protect your honor and protect Iraq and the Arab nation.

[Inaudible]

Our army is like a hawk waiting for the right moment to assault its prey...our army was tested in front of the whole world, Iraq and the Arab nation in a time when we were in a desperate need to show the standards of our army.

Iraqis were surprised by their army...the military performance was a surprise... we have an army, tanks and jet fighters and its not for show only...and the purpose for our performance was to show our army in this way for certain reasons...

Military Personnel Our army’s unexpected entrance in the town of Arbil left a very profound affect on the spirits of our people there.

Male 1 This move was the one that restored the north because they were scaring our people there and telling them that if our army arrives there it will kill, destroy, burn and repress but the opposite happened regardless of anything else.
And now our people in the province of Sulaymaniyyah wishes that chaos takes place there so the army and the authorities would come and rescue them, because the news from Arbil had reached them.
[Inaudible]
Our people are the same people everywhere in Iraq; the only difference is in the opportunity and the circumstance.
[Inaudible]

Military Personnel [Inaudible] Sir...when our forces advanced towards Arbil the children there who were born between 1994 and 1999 were cheering as if nothing happened before despite the fact that these children were born in a time when there was no central rule there...in addition to all that, all the broadcasting stations that belonged to the traitor parties there stopped working. [Inaudible]

Male 1 Thank God.
Give my best to all our fighters.
"Muzahim" will follow up on all the subjects we talked about and will give you copies.
Goodbye

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