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OCCUPATION OF KUWAIT IN FLAGRANT
VIOLATION **OF THE CHARTER OF THE**
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Letter dated 17 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of
Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Enclosed **are some** of the documents that were left behind by the Iraqi occupation forces in Kuwait after their defeat (**see** annex). They contain the instructions that were issued by the Iraqi **military** commands to their field units **on** the destruction of **Kuwaiti** oil wells and installations. These documents unveil, in detail, the Iraqi plans designed to cause the utmost devastation to the oil facilities in the shortest period of **time** possible.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of **the** General **Assembly** under agenda item 153, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammed A. ABULHASAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Confidential and personal

Instructions for the timed demolition of the Umm Qadir oil field (43 wells)

1. Dispositive

To **prepare** the oil installations and vital targets in the Umm Qadir oil field (43 wells) for timed demolition.

2. Responsible commander

Major General Saleh Abbud, General **Staff**, Commander of the 3rd company, following the **consent** of the Commander General of the **Armed** Forces, and **his** alternate will be Major General Sabah Nuri **Alwan**, General Staff, **Commander** of the Rear **Army** Corpo.

3. Classification

The demolition is classified at the present time as timed demolition.

4. Priorities

The targets in the **Umm** Qadir oil field all have the same priority.

5. Troops and duties

The commander of the demolition guard will be Lieutenant Colonel Salih **Ahmad** Sultan, General Staff, and his alternate will be Lieutenant Colonel Abd Muhammad Yasin.

First. Receipt of initial orders by form 823, annex **A**.

Second. Command of the demolition guard detachments and explosion sections at the demolition site.

Third. Ensuring protection of the demolition against enemy attack,

Fourth. Control of passers-by inside the demolition zone.

Fifth. Issuing of orders to the commander of the explosion section in writing with regard to replacement of the state of preparedness by form 822, annex **B**.

Sixth. Notifying the responsible commander or his alternate constantly of the position with regard to procedure of demolition preparation operations and the situation at the demolition site.

Seventh. Submission of a report to **the** responsible commander on the degree of impact of the demolition **after** its completion.

(b) Demolition guard force

First. Company with 83rd Infantry Brigade responsible for protection of oil complex No. 17 and its nine oil wells in the southern part **of the Umm Qadir** field, Its **commander** is First Lieutenant **Hamid Faza** Khalif, and **his** alternate is First Lieutenant Colonel Ilyas **Muhammad Ali Abd al-Husayn**.

Second. Company with 84th Brigade responsible **for** protecting complex No. 18 and its oil wells in the northern part **of the Umm Qadir** field. Its commander is First Lieutenant Colonel **Aaau Mahmud Balu**, and **his** alternate is Lieutenant **Hasan Hadi** Jabir.

Third. The demolition guard force has no other duty except that of protecting the oil wells, which number 43, and the oil installations **in** the southern and northern parts of the Umm Qadir oil field. The **force** must **ensure** full protection **for** the demolition targets and see that they do not fall into **the** hands of the enemy before **the order** is issued for explosion.

(c) Explosion section

The **commander** of the explosion section will be Lieutenant Colonel **Sa'd Abd al-Samad Sa'idi**, and his alternate will be **Captain Dhiab** Karim. The explosion section will **have** no **other** duty, and will be technically responsible **for** the demolition. The duties **of the commander** of the **explosion** section will be as follows:

First. To maintain the stat8 **of preparedness** in accordance with orders.

Second. To investigate the **system** daily.

Third. To carry out **the demolition** upon orders and to ascertain its success.

Fourth. To give notification **of** the results of the demolition.

6. Measures

(a) The charges will be connected with regard to the oil wells, as explained in the plan in annex C. The **other** targets will be linked in the sensitive **zones** of the target.

(b) The demolition wires will be connected to each group **of** oil wells. The wires will be buried **or covered** with sandbags to prevent them being affected by enemy **bombardment**.

(c) Means of ignition are not to be introduced into the **explosives** until after the degree of **preparedness** 1 (security) has **been** raised to **degree 2** (armament).

(d) A reinforced position will be dug near each target group at a distance of **????-1,000** metres from the target/targets, to be manned by the officer responsible for the explosion with an explosive device.

(8) A reinforced position will be prepared for the commander of the guard section in the central zone so as to ensure that orders reach the explosion sections promptly. The headquarters of the commander of the demolition guard and the commanders of the demolition guard and the explosion section must be close to each other.

7. Communications

(a) Wireless communications shall be ensured with the commander of the demolition guard through the division command network.

(b) Wireless communications shall be ensured between the commander of the demolition guard and the commander of the explosion section.

(c) A liaison officer with a wireless apparatus operating through the division command network all have no other duty except to transmit explosion orders to the commander of the demolition guard or the commander of the explosion section.

8 . Report

Measures shall be scrutinized by the division personally. We have set up a committee headed by Lieutenant Colonel Salih Ahmad Sultan, General Staff, commander of the 84th Infantry Brigade, Lieutenant Colonel Sa'd Abd al-Samad Sa'idi, commander of the 3rd Armoured Engineering Battalion and Captain Ahmad Hamad Atiyah, Security Officer, to scrutinize and follow up the accuracy of measures taken to prepare the targets for timed demolition and completion of the necessary steps. The Committee will submit a daily report to HA, III Army Corps, endorsed by the division commander and set out on the annexed form (annex D).

9. General points

(a) The conduct of constant operations (day/night) until the orders for explosion are received.

(b) Preparation of targets for demolition and additional means.

(c) Ensuring that all targets have artillery units within range,

(d) Daily coordination with HAFL/3cn all problems and obstacles that emerge in the preparation of the targets for demolition.

(e) A detailed summary shall be given during the operation of taking over and surrendering the targets in accordance with the new plan,

(f) Takeover of all demolition materials in accordance with the rules and with **due documentation** within 72 hours from the issuance of the above-mentioned instructions.

Brigadier General **Sa'd Salih Mahdi**, General Staff,
Commander of the **XXIX Infantry Division**

Brigadier General **Sabah Matrud Shuai'**, General,
Chief of General Staff, **XXIX Division**

Annexes

Annex **A**, form **823**

Annex **B**, form **822**

Annex C, charge connection locations

Annex D, form for follow-up **report**

Form for orders to the commander of the demolition guard

Serial No. ()

Orders to the commander of the demolition guard

1. This form must be completed and **signed before** being handed **over** to the **commander** of the demolition **guard**.
2. **When** filling in the form, the blanks must be filled in **or** crossed out.
3. **The officer** having the **authority** of commander of the explosion is called "**the responsible officer**". From _____ To _____

Section I

Initial instructions

1. **(a) Specifications of the target:**
 - (b) Location:**
 - (c) Name and scale of map: _____ **Map No.:** _____
 - (d) Coordinates:**
 - (e) Cipher or code name (if any) for demolition target:**
2. The responsible commander is:
(Mention position only.) If this officer is invested with the authority of another, this should be notified by one of the means set forth in item 4 below:
3. The explosion section will **be** commanded by:
4. All correspondence containing ciphers or code names (if any) and **used in these orders** will **be** transmitted to you **by:**
 - (a) The wireless network **of** the regular **command;**
 - (b) Special **liaison officer in direct contact with the responsible commander;** or
 - (c) **A** telephone call from the responsible **commander;** or
 - (d) The responsible commander in person; or

(e) (Omission of paragraphs that are not relevant).

Note. All orders transmitted by **letter** in cipher **or** code (if any) shall begin as indicated in item 1, paragraph (c), with acknowledgement of receipt being required in all cases.

Section II

Change of states of preparedness

5. Preparations **must** be made **for** demolition so as to achieve the **state** of preparedness a

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6. Upon arrival at the demolition site, you **must** ascertain from the **commander** of the explosion section the estimated time for changing from state 1 (security) to state 2 (**armament**). You **must** ascertain that **this** information has been transmitted to the **responsible** commander and that acknowledgement **of its** receipt has been given.

7. The change of the state of preparedness from **state** 1 (security) **to** state 2 (armament) or from **state** 2 to state 1 must be effected by **an** order from the responsible commander. **Nevertheless**, the explosion section **may** be **armed** to **carry out** emergency demolition, if the commander of the explosion section is authorised **to** proceed on his own initiative.

8. You **must record** any changes in the state of preparedness in the table below, together with the explosion **orders** in the possession of the commander of the explosion section.

State of preparedness ordered	Time and date of change	Completion	Authorisation	Receipt of order
1 (security)				
2 (armament)				

Note. If authorisation is transmitted to an officer, his signature and rank shall be taken and entered in the column under the heading "**authorizator**".

9. You **must** inform the responsible officer of any **changes that** occur in the **state of preparedness** by the fastest possible means.

Section III

Explosion orders

10. You will be **sent** the explosion orders by the responsible commander.

11. Upon **receipt** of the orders, you must issue them as speedily **as possible to the commander** of the explosion section on the explosion **orders (orders to the explosion section)** form.

12. After the demolition has been carried out, **you must notify the responsible commander** of the direct results.

13. **If the demolition fails** or is only partially successful, **you must provide protection for** the explosion section until the demolition is completed, and you must **report** again upon its completion.

Section IV

Emergency explosion orders

Note. Cross **out** one of the subparagraphs of item 14 below. The orders **issued** hereby cannot be changed except by the issuance **of a new form or in the event of emergencies by a special order or a code message if** used in section **V**.

14. (a) You **must not** issue **any order for** explosion except on the basis of receipt of an **order** to that effect from the responsible commander.

(b) **If you expect that** the enemy will take **over** the target, you **may** order explosion on **your** own initiative.

Section V

When using ciphers

Measures to be taken

Ciphers

(when used)

(a) **Change the state of preparedness from 1 to 2;** see item 7.

(b) Change the state of preparedness from 1 to **2;** see item 7.

(c) Proceed **with demolition;** see item 10.

(d) Now **cross out item 14; you are now authorized to proceed with** explosion if you believe **that** the enemy will **take** over the target.

(e) **Cross out** item 14 (b); you **must issue an order for explosion, after** receipt of the order **from** the responsible commander,

(f) Special issuance **instructions, if any.**

Section VI

Signature of **officer** issuing these orders:

Name :

Rank :

Appointed:

Time of issuance: Hour: Date :

Section VII

Duties of the commander of the demolition guard

You are responsible **for:**

- (a) Commanding the demolition guard and the explosion section.
- (b) Protection of the demolition from enemy **attacks** or saboteurs.

(c) Control of passers-by and fugitives.

(d) Issuing the demolition orders to **the** explosion section in **order to** change the state of preparedness.

(e) After the demolition, you are to submit a report to the responsible commander on the extent of its impact,

(f) Notifying the responsible commander of the situation with **regard to** movements **at the** demolition site.

16. **You are to read the orders** issued to the explosion section and the instructions issued.

17. The demolition guard must be **positioned so as to ensure constant protection** from all directions against all types of attack or threat of attack.

18. The **commander** of the explosion section will have control over **the** demolition, and you must agree with him on a **choice** of location **for** your headquarters and the explosion point, which must **be coordinated as far as possible**, Upon **the** establishment of **these two locations**, you must turn your attention to the technical requirements. The demolition must **be visible** from **your** post, and it must **be** in close proximity to the explosion point.

19. You must appoint your deputy and prepare a list showing seniority. **It must be ascertained that** everyone knows his seniority in the list, understands his duties and knows where this **form** is in the event **of** your absence from headquarters on grounds of necessity. **The** register of seniority must be known to the commander of **the explosion** section.

20. Upon issuance of the order for state of preparedness 2 (armament), you **or** your deputy **must be at** headquarters constantly in order to transmit orders rapidly to the commander of the explosion section.

In the **Name** of God, the **Merciful, the Compassionate**

The martyrs are nobler than all of us.

III **Army Corps Command**
General Staff
(Movements)

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- 2:** III Armoured Division Command
V **Motorized** Division Command
VII Infantry Division Command
VIII Infantry Division Command
XIV Infantry Division Command
XVIII Infantry Division Command
XXIX Infantry Division Command
XLII Infantry Division Command

Subject/timed demolition

In order to reduce the time required to effect the blowing up of the wells once the order for this is issued, each group of wells is to be linked by a single demolition circuit and blown up at the same time.

We request action accordingly.

Salah Abbud Mahmud
Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff,
Commander of the III Army Corps
20 November 1990

copy to

ShA, III Army Corps - Your confidential and personal letter 321 of 16 November 1990. We request precise execution of the above and our notification.