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Summary:

This file includes Saddam's discussions with the Jordanian Arab Democratic Youth in which he states that if Israel attacked Iraq with an atomic bomb, Iraq would respond with chemical weapons. He also states his desire to schedule a meeting with the leaders of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE in which they would discuss the decrease of petroleum prices.

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Transcript - Arabic

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This audio file contains an undated meeting of Saddam Hussein with representatives of Jordanian Vanguard Youth.

-time 00:00:05-00:05:02 Saddam speaks: ...then they engaged in aggression against us.... Evidenced with texts... In fact, we did not say that if Israel will launch a nuclear attack, we would attack back with nuclear bombs too.

Actually what we said is that we will strike them with Nerve Gas Missiles. It will not be as effective as a nuclear weapon, surly its effect would be less significant.

Some (TC: Arabs) would you say: How come do you threaten them now?

By asking this question you can witness the ridicule and underestimating stand of Arabs. Actually, America is not the one responsible for scorning Arab people; it is the Arab leaders who belittle themselves till they become contemptible in their own countries, after that, America disdained them as well.

America is a mere foreign country; it is possible that good people will appear in the world that they would not take advantage from the weakness of poor countries and make use of that on behalf of the values and rights of human being. On the other hand, it is possible that evil people will concentrate on increasing their power by exploiting weak nations and not taking into account human being rights.

The question now, why Arab leaders become weak to that limits? They become totally weaker and let foreigners disdain this great nation, nation of Arab, nation of Quran, nation of Prophets and nation of God messages.

Later on, the roles of Arabs in this current situation become so apparent.

In this regard I will mention two specific occasions. The first one, unexpectedly, oil prices get down, again my brothers, It is important to inform you of the suspicious actions of Kuwaitis' authorities when they start to buy every valuable thing in Iraq, even electric pools and ancient artistic masterpieces they collect it from markets too.

I know that there are specific departments charged to ruin the Arab Economy affiliated to them, as a result, the Iraqi Dinar, approximately, values 1 to 20 from Kuwaiti Dinar. As I told you, surprisingly, they reduced oil prices. We are all Arabs, I will have to describe to you, all the pain that we suffered just to imagine the hideousness of their scheme. They used to send some of their agents to clubs in Iraq, in order to boast their wealth and hurt the feeling and values of Iraqi.

Some of those agents said that will let the Iraqi (SATTs M A J D) worth ten dinars.

You can imagine their plots at the expense of Iraq dignity; All that because Iraq speaks out the interests of the whole nation. Since Iraq does not allow itself to compromise when it is a question of dignity; also, for the reason, that there is any consideration of dignity in the conduct of Kuwaiti rulers who tried to generalize this attitude to a large group of people in the nation. They did not want anyone who speaks of honor be near them.

When they had dropped the prices of Oil we rushed to them and addressed the king of Saudi Arabia, King of Arab Emirate, king of Kuwait ...

-time00:05:02— 00:05:03 an unidentified person: king of Qatar

-time00:05:04--00:17:22 Saddam speaks: the precedent, so-and-so, we are your brothers, we are in crisis, it is been eight years since we are in state of war. We ask you just to inform us of what in your mind, if there is a justification where your interest lies; but you should not treat us like this; by harming us you are also losing the wealth of your people. So why do you abuse our rights?

It was obvious that they act out from American commands. There was no doubt that the conspiracy was plotted by Americans and Zionists too. There is no doubt about that. Their plot was against any illumination that would either come from an Arab country or a neighboring one which has oil resources, especially, Iraq.

Iraq is a country that has just come from war, its people have delayed so many necessities in their life and the country also, has postponed a lot of projects. When the war has ended people were waiting that the postponed projects would take place again and would see change occurs in their daily lives. What does it mean if this did not happen; that only means that the country is a failure.

They would think that the administration which failed and not because war and the current situation. In reality, we can not afford to go to each house and try to explain for ordinary Iraqis what are the effects of Oil prices dropping in billions and how this situation would affect small family living is inclined then.

We understand that their aim is to weaken the strong connection with our citizen, as a part of the conspiracy. The reasons of this plan was not directed to Iraq specifically, it is intend to involve the whole nation. The policy of Iraq has never been to a local scope and it will not become so.

Baghdad Conference was held then, to confront the unfair campaign and economic boycott started by Americans and etc... We were glad and grateful for the presence the kings and presidents who attended and etc...

We have clearly mentioned in that meeting after we have finished.., excuse me, rather before I will mention this point; there was a discussion about the occupied lands and the difficult situation there are facing and the important support that they should provide... look by Allah, each cause in the nation one should mark it in this head. By Allah when

you start thinking about problems of the nation smoke comes out from your head, nose and eyes. Oh Allah, I m amazed at some people who accumulate hundred of billions and they come as if there are needy. By Allah, after the completion of conference and they surely hear my voice now.

I called them oh brothers we should help the land and took it back from the occupants and help out the Palestinians with any support as soon as possible, there are in need of us. We have just come from a war for eight years and we did not ask anyone for help. Sheikh of Kuwait did not like when this issue was mentioned in the conference and got angry. After all the money that they intend to collect was just 150 million Dollars.

I told them our man, I did not mention that he belongs to our tribe I just said an Iraqi fellow. I told them about the Iraqis who were collecting money for Palestine, when they reached that man they went beyond him to ask others. He asked them why you did not stop to ask me for money, they said that we knew that you do not have anything with you.

He told them: I only have this firewood that I wanted to use it to make a soup for my children, take it from me.

I mentioned this anecdote for them; so that they might think again about their contributions, However, I assure you that they did not consider what I said. Unfortunately all the emotional talks that you heard from Arab leaders in summits, there are only few who you can figure out their true reality.

Among the Arab leaders some that they lose their compassion and turn out to be ferocious animals which are better than them.

I told them, my brother, what it is happening to your brother in Iraq now is considered an announced war. This economic war is like any other ordinary war, as it has the same effects, so if you do not mean war against us you should fix this out and if you did not try that's mean that you intend this war. I told them so in front of all the kings and presidents.

However, after the end of the conference the injustice becomes more and more. We had given some of them a report of our current financial situation as it is now. Some told me that not all the leadership is informed about the details, but just the concerned ministers and specialties and some of commandment members who are also deeply involved in following- up this matter; so it is not wise to uncover our financial situation to them.

I told them that there are our brothers and they should be informed of our situation as it is, and they should keep our information secret, may be after they will be aware of our situation they will participate in solution and would step back from their plan to reduce the prices.

I told them too (TC: my counselors) that I wanted to go far enough just to discover their true intention. I wanted to know if there are aware of this American and Zionist conspiracy, or there are some underlying reasons they did not want to tell us about.

At that time I thought that there are some reasons that I m not aware of it and that their actions were not recommended from America and Zionist and there are engaged with them.

Nevertheless, the conspiracy has become more obvious after that, as if, when we have submitted numbers report of our situation now they become more attracted that they become closer to their objectives to destruct all the Iraq economic, Political and Military power.

Then comes the other evidence; I suggested to the King Fahad to held summit meeting from among Iraq, Saudi, Emirate and Kuwait; considering that Kuwait and Emirate are those who appear having the decision to reduce oil prices in public. Saudi show us that there are against this policy and they try to stand with us by criticize them.

On the other hand, when you think twice you find that it is impossible that they might take this decision away from Saudi.

That's why I suggested meeting for all of us together to see what are the reasons that let them reduce the prices of Oil; still, the King Fahad had transferred the conference from meeting of presidents to a meeting of Ministers of Oil, and we agreed on that too.

Then we addressed their minister with a clear statement, we told him we will not allow the rulers of Kuwait to destroy our country and that he should inform King Fahed.

This is just details and I do not want to take much time on conversation I had with him and the minister of foreign affairs Sa'ud Al-Faysal.

We said in clear words, if this conspiracy would not stop. There must be other reaction from us. It becomes clear then; yet, Sa'ud Al-Faysal instead of going to Kuwait and tries to convince the Kuwaiti to review their policy he went back to Saudi.

Then Allah has plotted a coincidence when he brings to our hands a recorded tape in the voice of Sa'ud Al-Faysal and in the voice of Al-Faysal, what was the date of that tape?

-time00:17:22-00:17:23 an unidentified person answered: 9/7

-time00:17:23-00:19:15 Saddam speaks: 9/7, at the time he was calling for the meeting of ministers of Oil to be held in Saudi, some has told me that he spoke with him and exactly said: let us continue on this policy for a month than we will begin another process. This was recorded in his own voice and it was not reported to us from another source, at that moment we have put out this tape for public.

Then in the same tape he exclaimed what power Saddam owns that Israel fears, he can only send up to 700 kilometers or miles (I do not know what he said actually) at the same time that Israel owns 47 Nuclear warhead and 200 Nuclear Bomb, then he wants to compete with Israel. He added: this method that he undertakes we know well where it reaches the Abd-al-Nassir (TC: the former Egyptian President). (That's only means that he rejoice at others misfortune) He added also: that his method that provokes hostility with America, he should learn from what happened to USSR, he should learn that whoever acts in opposition to America he will become like USSR, and who act against Israel will become like Abd-al-Nassir. (He refers to 1967 war)

But again his spoken words have no justification at all

-time00:19:15-00:19:16 an unidentified person: it has no relation with the issue of oil -
time00:19:16--00:28:39 Saddam speaks: no relation with the issue of oil, actually, there is no relation at all with oil; but still, the connection lies in his own mind. We should remember that oil is subject to conspiracy plotted by Americans and Zionists. So Abd-al-Nassir passed away in the seventieths and USSR is a foreign country which we have any similarity between them.

Yet the connection in his mind is justified that Iraq has a nationalist agenda, and believes in honor, and that neither Israel nor America are capable to overcome his will.

He reported that we should remember those who were acted against America and Israel to learn from what happened to them.

It becomes obvious; it becomes so obvious that this is a Zionist and American conspiracy against us. Their aim is to weaken us as if when they want to force something against our will and we objected, it will become easy to cut our heads off.

Kuwait land belongs to Iraq; it was separated from us to become a colony at the time of occupation; but when British Protectorate was over it should return to Iraq.

However, Kuwait has turned to an independent country governed by corrupted rulers that it was easy to be influenced by those who were control it first. As a result, Kuwait becomes a retreat for traitors who plot against Arab interests including the Palestinian cause and against every honored man in the Arab nation.

Their scheme was to build the defensive operation from people who are supposed to be Iraqi and you can not believe that they would hurt their fellow citizen. In fact, it was not sufficient for them that Iraq do not claim his separated land but they wanted to mark borders with us too. They should know that Kuwait has no borders at all. There is nothing legal between Iraq and Kuwait in the past, which is now Governorate of Kuwait.

So my brothers, they are considered as the exact opposite of Arab nationalism; you should know that the battle we are undertaking is in the name of the whole Arab nation. It was not Iraqi in the beginning and it will not be at the end. This is the opinion of either the people who are with us or against us.

They assaulted and aggressed Iraq, because it is an honorable center in the nation; a center that call for the virtue of honor and human rights for himself, and all the nation of the world, and righteous.

From the time Baghdad was first occupied in 1258 by Hulagu, mostly, there have not been a remarkable rising of the nation, and if it was any coincidence of enlightenment it was due to some other factors. All the enemies of the Arab nation when they plan for the uprising of a country or another; they gather round their own interests and they make into their accounts that the contribution in the development of a country is a part of the whole Arab and Islamic nation that would affect them.

They know very well that the rising of Arab nation will not only affect Arabs but the entire Muslim nation as well; especially, when a country assumes its nationalistic and humanitarian roles too. From early history our nation has always hold this position.

However, the mistakes of Arabs that we should criticize ourselves; it is to be careful when a phenomenal development and wealth come into sight in a given country, the policy adopted therefore is not that the whole nation would benefit from it, but, it is only for local purposes. On the other hand, the enemy's policy is as we have mentioned that when there would a military confrontation the growth and wealth have no effect at all.

We have fully absorbed this lesson, not with our practical political understanding, but we absorbed this when we were students in high school, we raised the flag of nation and we have absorbed as principles that each country is a part of the nation in whole.

If the local policies are not inspired from this understanding, it is unlikely that our nation will rise again.

Palestine must be the first priority of the nation; we have to liberate Palestinians from the unfair occupation to allow them to build their country on its virtuous land.

Arabs should know that there are asked to trade one thing with another; what there are asked for is when the world is interested in the cause of Arab and security of the region; that would be the only pretext that Arab should explain their act without considering that an interference in their internal affairs. After all, any interfere of interested countries should come according to the international law. These countries should be model of respecting the international law to know their credibility too. Everyone who claims that he respects the international law, he should act upon it and let that be obvious in his methods and conducts.

If these factors concluded, I assure you that, first of all Palestine will be liberated. Then any other country be it French, America, Soviets, British or anyone else that claims he is willing to intervene for good. First of all, we should respond that before for to decide whether you are intervening for good or evil, tell us if you are ready to apply the international law regarding the Palestinian cause? If he confirms that his willingness for that, therefore we can welcome his arbitration; and we can listen to their point of view regarding all other issues concerning the security of the region.

The security issues in the region should be settled in a way it will not neglect the interests of Arab countries.

That is the reason of connection, when I told you the association is realistic. The conspiracy was plotted therefore, because we are defending the rights of Palestinians, the right to live with honor for the nation.

-time 00:28:38--00:28:39 an unidentified person: May Allah honors you.

-time 00:28:40--00:30:04 Saddam speaks: we call for security for the whole nation, and the right for self-determination for everybody, be it Palestine or Iraqi. The leaders should recognize the right of self-determination for their people.

Then why they come with their fleets to the holist lands of Muslims, this act which is considered an insult for all of us. Is not that an evidence for their involvement? Those big leaders in nation that I ask Allah to degrades them.

You will see how they will be humiliated, if they dared to put their hands on the land of Faith, Patience and perseverance of Iraq.

That's clear evidence that these countries do not approve the right of nation for self-determination, even if they claim to be independent or there are really so.

I can say that Iraq in this situation is the most independent country in the world.

This is a reality that there is no doubt about it, however, they do not approve the right of Iraq for self-determination

Is not this the reality that you see now um bader, wasim and wdi'?

-time 00:30:04--00:30:05 an unidentified person: yes this is true.

-time 00:30:05--00:30:06 Saddam speaks: however they still do not want let Iraq the right of self-determination.

-time 00:32:24--00:32:50 Saddam speaks: (TC: they say) you have unified Kuwait in an undemocratic manner; we told them, that's fine then, let's us remember when Kuwait did not have oil and wanted to be unified with Iraq in a democratic way, its people were repressed two times.

How come your reaction is credible then, that you have brought fleets for this matter, where were you when people of Kuwait wanted to express their opinion in a democratic way?

32:51 Saddam giggles with his guests

32:52 Saddam speaks: their fallacy was exposed then, I advise them to go for a nationwide referendum to seek the opinion of people in the Arab world, if they really claim that they wish for democracy.

Is this the kind of democracy that they applied on Jabir (TC: refers to the late Amir of Kuwait) who is... I'd rather say, known with his special characteristic.

After that, they dared to ignore the opinion of Saudi people regarding the military presence of foreign troops, based on the orders of King Fahad. Who can tell the King Fahad really represents the opinion of Arab peninsula population? Who can tell? Do the chivalrous Arab people agree that their land be occupied by foreign fleets?

They will not agree on that.

The justification that they hold for this, is that Iraq threaten Saudi Arabia.

Supposing that Iraq has intention against Saudi Arabia, what would stop us until the foreign troops will come to the region? Is not that evidence that Iraq have no intention against Saudi Arabia?

In addition to that, Al-Majd and Al-Hijaz were never been part of the province of Iraq. Al-Majd and Al-Hijaz were grouped under the authority of one country which is the Arab and Muslim country of Faith. Nonetheless Iraq has never been part of province related to Al-Majd and Al-Hijaz which were named after the royal family in neither Saudi Arabia, nor Al-Majd and Al-Hijaz were part of Iraq.

However Kuwait was a part of Iraq and its people is part of Iraq; unfortunately it was corrupted until it loses its humanity.

They surely had lost their humanity

35:29 an unidentified person: yes, they lost their humanity

35:31 Saddam speaks: they surely had lost it, anyone who chose not to work, has absolutely lost his humanity in any religion, ideology or country. Consequently majority of Kuwaitis now do not work or believe.

If you have the chance to see pictures of the situation within Kuwait now, you will be amazed. All the diseases and deviations that exists in the world you will find them in some communities in Kuwait. Is it rational that 2 and half million serve 270 thousand people?

This is an intended destructing process.

Then even though this appropriation is unfair, we did not mention anything about it, moreover, we were about to commit a grave mistake when we intend to acknowledge Kuwait as an independent state, If Allah does not allow it.

How small nest of hornets tries to poison and ultimately kills us.

Again the battle is of nationalistic honored principles that are based on believe of Allah and humanity values.

Palestine is first, Palestine is first we will keep saying this not because of blockade or the arrival of fleets. I pass this message to Israel, Palestine is our priority and it will be liberate with the help of Allah.

If Palestine is not liberated, every honored and righteous will be targeted even if he is in his own house.

The Zionist and American Zionist coalition will always stay alert that Arab would plan to liberate Palestine. The budgets will also be issued for the purpose to liberate Palestine and the region will have security therefore. Then we will put in a decisive add to the values of humanity that will allow to live peacefully.

My brothers, these principles are what your brothers in the security are preoccupied to attain; the policy that we will never withdraw because we have Faith and believe is steady that Allah (to whom be ascribed all perfection and majesty) is in our side. We are sure what Allah decide is for the best of Iraq. We welcome you, our greetings to the Arab People and people of Palestine nation of stone revolution.

39:11 an unidentified person: mister the president

I want you to feel confidence this is your other country, we do not promise that will not endure any loses or big sacrifices, All that we can promise you is the help of Allah that victory will be granted to you in this hour and occasion.

-time00:39:28--00:39:56 Spokesman of Jordanian Vanguard's Youth

Allow me mister the president in the name of my brother of Jordanian Vanguard's Youth, to be grateful to your Excellency to this lengthily speech about life cause and about the battle of battles that you are leading. Be confident that we will stand with you in this strife and we will defend you with all that we have, if there will be any assault. You will be victorious and we are with you, we pray that Allah will give you success.

-time 00:39:57-00:39:58 Saddam speaks: May Allah blesses you

-time 00:39:59-00:40:13 Saddam greets his guests, Pause, no sounds