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--They took a hostile stand towards Islam. Whoever reads the history will realize that the Persians [al-Furs] have relationships with the Jews (Khyber), and this is clear during al-Riddah [apostasy] wars, and those who started al-Riddah wars against our master (Abu-Bakr al-Siddiq) are al-Furs [Persians]; they helped the apostates. But those who were actually behind it were al-Furs, [TC: Possibly not transcribed correctly, because he probably meant "the Jews]. Muslims sacrifices [in those wars] were over 30 thousands Martyrs, and most of them were from the Prophet's Companions.

The President and Commander

I think there is exaggeration in this number, otherwise how he was able to harvest these large numbers with this sword and expel them?

The Army Chief of Staff

Because it lasted for a long time, Sir

The President and Commander

I know that; but reaching such numbers is not possible now even with these new modern weapons. Therefore, the numbers are the result of relaying them over the last 1400 years; It is possible that the number was only (300) and it became (30) thousand or the (300) became (three thousand)...this way

Director of General Military Intelligence

This is not possible even with the generally available modern weapons

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The President and Commander	Isn't it so, especially when it is the sword and the spear, how much are they supposed to fight to get one person killed,
Director of Planning	There is some sort of equation hereby some stories tell that (a person) challenge another (person) and it is equal to some number...
The Army Chief of Staff	They used to fight under numerous climatic conditions in spite of the large losses; the Arabs were divided into two groups, Muslims and apostates.
Commander of Air forces and Air Defense	They did not have a war newspaper to document the events but they depended on what the story tellers talk about;
The Army Chief of Staff	It is true that history of the war was not written but...
The President and Commander	But they were many and according to history the number of those killed from the apostates in the "death garden" alone was about 10,000.
The Army Chief of Staff	That is what we have taken from the history books;
The President and Commander	Our Master `Umar Ibn-al-Khattab was disturbed when Khalid Ibn-al-Walid...

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--to present the available army for him...

The Army Chief
of Staff

He came carrying the banner with a feather on his helmet; Our master `Umar rbn-al-Khattab came to him and asked him to take off the command insignia, [He removed him from the command]. Some historians indicate that lack of harmony between them [`Umar and Khalid] goes back to old issues when they were both in their youthful years.

The Aviation
Consultant

Sir! I believe that there is some sort of exaggeration in this story, because arrogance and tribal loyalties disappeared when Islam came and were replaced with friendship and forgiveness. But it is told that Khalid Ibn-al-Walid was ruthless commander and subsequently, he won all the battles.

The President and
Commander

A genuine and fundamental situation arose, in that every soldier believed that when Khalid is the commander the battle would be won. While in the Islamic religion, a soldier fights in defense of heavenly values but in reality there is connection to personal command. This is the principal point.

The Aviation
Consultant

But when Khalid Ibn-al-Walid died, Islam continued to advance and did not stop and our master `Umar Ibn al-Khattab wanted to prove that glory is in Islam; Subsequently, sir...

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They almost finished all the issues when the command was taken from Khalid.
But it was torturous and humiliation to take away the command from Khalid;

Yes sir,

The President and
Commander

The Aviation
Consultant

The President and Whenever I read that I am greatly moved,
Commander

Aviation And Kalid fought as a regular soldier after that.
Consultant

The President and And subsequently he died from a heart illness
Commander

The Army Chief He died of old age in bed
of Staff

Aviation He never lost a battle in his life even in the battle of Uhud against the Muslims;
Consultant

The President and When he was fighting with the army of unbelievers ;
Commander

The Army Chief He is Clever and bright commander.
of Staff

The President and He used to choose a strike in a manner similar to a needle sting and did not choose a
Commander broad area, and he used to always take the authority from the tip of the needle.

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The Aviation The first command for Khalid with the Muslims was in Mu'tah, [Located in Jordan]
Consultant when the Roman army was massive and the Muslims' was much smaller; and after
the Muslim commanders `Abdullah Ibn-Rawaha, Ja'far al-Tayyar and others were
martyred, and Khalid was appointed by the Prophet (May God Bless His Soul), as the
The Army Chief commander, he was able with his leadership skills and wisdom to withdraw the army
of Staff in an orderly manner without losses. He used special tactic by withdrawing at night
without destroying the army and that was the first successful planned withdrawal.

The President and The story of the Prophet says about Khalid that he was acting in Uhud battle [TC: The
Commander Muslims lost the battle as a result of a planned maneuver by Khalid and the riders he
commandeered].

The Army Chief He was acting the role of minister of defense in Quraysh [TC: Prominent family in
of Staff Mecca] era.

The President and His leadership was pre-Islamic
Commander

The Army Chief
of Staff

The President and
Commander

HE was one from a group of 11 before Islam.

It was in Quraysh

Yes, Quraysh had a structure that resembles a government, they used to assign individuals for diplomatic affairs and I think he was...

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`Amr Ibn Al-`As who was sent by Quraysh to Ethiopia to bring a group of Muslim immigrants.

The Army Chief
of Staff

The President and
Commander

And the other is in charge of protection of all the [trade] caravans, and I think that was Khalid, another was the great spiritualist and I believe that he was Our master Abu-Bakr al-Siddiq (May God Bless Him); these 11 were the Arab notables at that time. Practically, the Messenger (God's Prayer and Peace be Upon Him) trained them in addition to their backgrounds in fighting experience, resourcefulness and diplomatic experience, They were a balanced cadre. Subsequently, tribal strife and demands for protection of commercial caravans created more of these field leaders. When the compassionate Messenger (God's Prayer and Peace be Upon Him) wanted to choose a commander, 15 appear in front of him and they were all similar in characteristics, and this is attributed to the fact that there was more than one in each tribe who has more than two attributes and they are spiritualist...

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--and commander and these leaders were produced as a consequence of the large number of tribes and the continued strife among them; They were created before Islam, then Islam came and gave them the new spirit and they retained both the experience plus the new spirit.

The Aviation
Consultant

This means that they were benefiting from any pre-Islamic experience

The President and
Commander

Actually the Messenger (May Prayer of God and Peace be Upon Him) maintained such structure-which was there before Islam-for these people; He honored them and gave them leadership positions.

The Aviation
Consultant

And the last to become Muslim was Abu-Sufyan, but the Messenger (May Prayer of God and Peace be Upon Him) honored him when he said "Whoever Enters Abu-Sufyan's House Shall be Safe" [TC: When the Muslims conquered Mecca], he gave him recognition.

The President and
Commander

He gave a status and facilitated for him the removal of complexities. I am hurting and unhappy about the removal of Khalid Ibn-al-Walid from the command and for the early martyrdom of our master Al-Hamzah and if we return to history in...

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--(Al-Iraq), and before the first Al-Qadisiyyah battle, it appears that one of the leaders of a large tribe was on the side of Al-Furs [Persians], but he did not want to be part of a battle with the other side, to avoid the creation of revenges which would complicate the issues. He massed and lined his army at a close distance (exactly as it appeared in the film), then the second commander lined up his army. Subsequently, the first commander turned his horse around and gave his back to the second commander and started addressing his soldiers, and as consequence, the second commander did the same thing; suddenly, the first commander turn his horse around towards his adversary, captured the second commander and brought him back on his horse. All what you can see is an attack on the Persians and the battle ended without...

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--without killing anyone of the opponent's army and that is how the battle ended.
Courage with quick thinking and instantaneous action was the reason for his success.

The Army Chief
of Staff

He commanded important military operations.

The President and
Commander

It is not important to say that the idea is correct, but the important thing is to give the right idea at the time, when it is supposed to be said and takes its correct course in implementation within the designated time for that; otherwise, it would be said that it is a good idea, but it was too late; or it would be said, it is a good idea for a specific time, but its implementation was done at that time and it failed, this is a principal characteristic in leadership..

We experienced this in the party [Ba'th] as well, there are good people with good ideas, but sometimes they express them when it is too late and the opportunity is lost.

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(What is to be carried is carried and the stingy never has it) the proverb says this, and this is said about the palm tree, isn't it? So, the speed in a leadership decision and the preciseness in implementing the decision in a specific time have become more complicated than before, because of advancements in modern technological means, whether it is in communication or other methods. If it is political, means of communication are more now and speed must be in balance with development, and if it was war, weapons, means and communications are also required.

The Army Chief
of Staff

And do not offer an opportunity.

The President and
Commander

The opportunity has also narrowed; whenever opportunities narrow in these matters, the need for speed in responding increases, and so is the required speed and alertness of the brain in making decisions about the sought result and trends. This needs to develop and that is why [structuring of central command] emerged again...

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--composition of collective command and how it should be? Meaning in its function and structure; The situation now is not the same that could continue as it was twenty years ago.

As an example, if we are to postpone all matters now until the weekly meeting of the command, we will find out that (x) opportunities will not be captured to deal with these cases. The marginal area of responsibility of one commander within the command increased; in other words, its marginal area increased, but the appropriate principal of collective command remains, which confirms that collective command, is better than individual work in the command. Everything is postponed until it is presented, in spite of the fact that we meet daily, otherwise several matters are disrupted; such disruption may be for 12 or 24 hours, while they may be able to be disrupted for four to five hours only. Consequently, if the delay was only one additional hour the opportunity is lost

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...defending it---

Director of Military Operations

Sir, the justifications are not convincing either

The President and Commander

After that why not to have al-Huwayzah with its open areas, its walls and houses as the defense against enemy advancement in open area? The Division can be fortified in the city where they can fight the enemy with great efficiency from there. Al-Huwayzah is similar to any large village in Northern Iraq.

Director of planning

What the entire village is are two main streets, one leads to the bridge and the other is parallel to the river, it has some good buildings, The operation would hurt us Sir!

The President and Commander

Yes

Director of Military Operations

Sir! We have a communication from the military office recommending that bravery medals should not be given to some officers in the second Corps especially those from Brigade number 39 and artillery brigade 16; they show the cases, names and reasons for the cancellation. Sir! The subject was discussed during a meeting of the Division and it was decided to rescind giving the bravery medals for the written reason after each name.

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Director of Military Operations	The tenth armored Division submitted a list of eight Warrant Officers recommending their promotion to Officer ranks and the proposed suggested is supported by the Headquarters of the Corps.
The President and Commander	I concur, we should not occupy ourselves with these matters, if there are agreements on such matters, and you announce them even without bringing them to my attention and send them directly to the Presidency to issue the decree. This is done whenever all agree, but if there are disagreements; bring them to our attention to discuss for evaluation.
Army Chief of Staff	Yes sir,
The President and Commander	In case of disagreements, it is assumed that everyone writes his reason, isn't it so? Otherwise the [promotions] are announced when all the chain [of command] agree.
Army Chief of Staff	Yes Sir,
The President and Commander	Even them as well

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Army Chief of Staff	Including our opinion here
The President and Commander	Including our opinion
Army Chief of Staff	Sir, but we may not also be convinced sometimes,
The President and Commander	It is possible, but if you do not want to (mess it up), present it [for discussion at our meetings]
Director of Military Operations	Your Excellency requested air raids by the army air aviation similar to the Air Force and they sent us lists of names of pilots to be rewarded from the first, second and third air wings of the army
The President and Commander	With the type of recognition for each officer?
Director of Military Operations	Yes Sir
The President and Commander	Prepare a list for me similar to that which was submitted by Staff Pilot Lieutenant General Muhammad Jassam.
Director of Military Operations	Yes sir!
The President and Commander	Review the table which was presented to me by Lieutenant General Muhammad and I wrote on it the type of award

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Director of Military Operations

Yes Sir, it is according to that. All tables are standardized

The President and Commander

No! I want to see the standard table form so I can fix it

Director of Military Operations

Sir! We will standardize it according to your orders.

Sir, the First Corps sent a list requesting that members of the second regiment of Brigade 29 be recognized for their occupation of al-Raqim 2310. As your Excellency knows, we sent them a letter about that asking them to submit the names of officers and ranks of those who accomplished the task. As per your order sir, the medal of bravery awards are to be given to four ranks from each Company, as recommended by Platoon commanders, and to award the medal of bravery to two officers from each Company, as recommended by the regiment commander, and award bravery medals to the commander of the regiment and the sector commander and these are the names Sir...

The President and Commander

Do you have an opinion that contradicts that?

Director of Military Operations

They sent the names in response to our order Did

The President and Commander

we agree to award them the bravery medal only?

Director of Military Operations

Yes sir, and to grant the officers a distinguished seniority of one year and this is normal.

The Other Side [TC: Possibly Media Disk]

The President and Commander

Have these ranks participated in another battle?

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It means: has this Regiment participated in another battle?

Director of Military Operations The Second Regiment of the infantry Brigade 29 did not participate in another battle because it replaced the First Regiment of this Brigade; after that Al-Raqim was recaptured.

The President and Commander Has it left al-Raqim?

Director of Military Operations The designated regiment has withdrawn now to Penjwin sector and has not participated in another battle.

The President and Commander What is the number of ranks?

Director of Military Operations They sent a list with names of officers

President and Commander I meant ranks

Director of Military Operations They did not send a list of ranks

The President and Commander Why?

Director of Military Operations I think they will send it later, Sir

President and Commander The battles is one, the two lists should have been sent together, even though two months passed since the battle

Director of Military Operations Sir, I see that we keep the officers' list until they send the list of ranks so we can discuss them together,

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Yes, and please confirm it with a letter and inform us of the reasons for its delay

Sir, the Jordanians are actually inquiring about the present, which is 20 vehicles [Roland] based on a promise that was given to the Jordanians

Vehicles?

The President and Commander

Yes Sir, the inquiry came through the Iraqi Military Attaché in Amman

Director of Military Operations

It is possible that they meant...(the Roland)

The President and Commander

The Roland [rocket] Batteries

Director of Military Operations

What is he asking?

Army Chief of Staff

It is clear that during a meeting between the Iraqi Military Attaché and Staff Brigadier General Zuhayr, the Jordanian director of Planning and Control, that there is intentions in Iraq to give Jordan 20 [Roland] brand vehicles as a gift. He asked the attaché to inquire about this gift and any details related to it. We asked the armament and procurement directorate about this subject and they replied that they have no idea about it. The directorate suggested that this promise was possibly given by the General Command...

The President and Commander

The Army Chief of Staff

Director of Military Operations

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-- to the Jordanian Military Forces

The President and
Commander

I think that the mentioned Jordanian officer is trying to investigate [TC: being nosy] about these news

The Army Chief of
Staff

Sir, the Jordanian armament and procurement officer is equivalent to our director of armament and procurement.

Aviation
Consultant

It is possible that he wants to be sure of (the Roland [rockets batteries] deal)

Air Force and Air
Defense
commander

Sir, they called us and we gave them the training forms and time of delivery

The President and
Commander

Our answer to them should be that the details of the deal were presented to His Majesty (King Hussein) and it was discussed between the two parties. It seems that this officer did not know how to inquire properly either through our military attaché or the armament and procurement, otherwise why the base [rocket battery] became a vehicle?

The Army Chief of
Staff

Even if the contract is around buying vehicle, it is not possible that he knows about this, because the contract was signed here in the Higher Command and not in the armament and procurement, directorate

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The President and Commander There is no official document

The Army Chief of Staff But the contract of the Air Force

The President and Commander It does not have any official document

The Army Chief of Staff No Sir, there is non

The President and Commander And we still have ownership of it, and we bought it with our money, so how can we give it as a gift.

The Army Chief of Staff And they are not in need it at this time.

Director of Military Operations Sir, patrol of 15 non-commissioned officer and staff officer of the eighth infantry regiment sector, went out and captured three Iranians.

The President and Commander How many commissioned officers were among them?

Director of Military Operations Two, Sir, and they are deputy officer [REDACTED] and deputy officer [REDACTED], and the rest are master sergeants.

The President and Commander [REDACTED] is a Kurdish for sure.

Director of Military Operations Yes, Sir ([REDACTED]) is, and the rest (13) are master sergeants

The President and Commander How did they capture them, were they lost or did they really capture them as (a real capture).

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Director of Military Operations I do not know how it was done, Sir

The President and Commander But practically!

Director of Military Operations There was a disabled Iranian vehicle.

Director of General military intelligence Yes, it was a vehicle, which had a rank from the maintenance regiment; the patrol spotted the vehicle and fired at it and they hit it.

The President and Commander Who was the commandant of the patrol?

Director of Military Operations The senior among them is warrant officer (██████████), a member of the Third Division of Corps number 23, which is currently deployed in (Karmush) port.

The President and Commander Has the Corps rewarded them?

Director of Military Operations No Sir, and even if they did that, they will not inform us because it is not within their authority.

The President and Commander It is not within their authority! But I wanted to ask if they rewarded them?

Director of Military Operations I do not know exactly.

The President and Commander Well, inquire about that.

The Army Staff Chief of Take into consideration it is not an issue of bravery but...

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I do not have a copy of it, but I thought you did not know about it

I will send officers from the Iraqi Central Bank and from the two directorates of General Military Accounts and the Armament and Procurement to Amman to resolve the funds issue. They have the money in the bank, and the Jordanians are waiting for the transfer of money to the Jordan Ministry of Defense; in my opinion this ministry is intending to keep the money as long as they can in order to earn interest

The President and Commander

The President and The Army Chief of Staff

Yes, that is it

The Army Chief of Staff

This is my analysis of the issue. Sir, I think it will be better if the Iraqi Central Bank buys some foreign currency now.

The President and Commander

[TC: a note about what the president did]

(The President hold the phone and asks to talk with the Minister of Finance)

The Army Chief of Staff

I suggest that the Iraqi Central Bank go ahead and buy(Francs), since its price dropped by around (15 or 16 percent), and the value of the English pound is about (560 or 570), when at one time it [rate of exchange] reached (750), or it dropped about (120), Why? It just occurred to me that we need the (Franc), for the artillery contract, and when the officials go there, they will pay the amount in Francs and this will solve the currency issue.

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[TC: it is not clear who is speaking and is talking about new subject]

--We can take it and it is corrected internally by substituting for the sight angle and only the direction remains...How?

Director of the
General Military
Intelligence

The subject is how the correction is made with regard to the line? We consider the angle almost done with availability of a level [TC: Surveying or engineering theodolite or other instrument that measures angles], the person who is firing can calculate the bracket adjustment to increase or decrease the elevation angle.

The Army Chief of
Staff

Yes, by the theodolite

Director of
Weapons Guidance
Department

Sir! The Divisions are continually asking to be equipped with a mounted firing instrument, and I discussed that with comrade Kamil `Abd-al-Latif

The Army Chief of
Staff

He says that the Spaniards do not supply this instrument although they placed a request for it.

Sir! The level is similar to that used by builders; where they always uses it for tiling in houses; it has a mounted glass tube with a bubble [in the center]. But the artillery level has a moving arch [TC: The glass tube with the air or liquid bubble is fixed on a moving arch], the bubble moves when the right angle for firing is fixed. The bombardier moves the cannon until the bubble is in the center and that is the required elevation angle for firing the cannon.

The President and
Commander

(His Excellency changes the subject)

Iraq now holds an excellent status among Muslims...

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