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Iranian Activities in Iraq

Al-Quds force was established under the name of Arkan Isnad al-Kawthar. The goal of the group is to create a suitable infrastructure for its intelligence officers in Iraq, on a large scale, in order to provide support to those groups who are loyal to Iran. Arkan al-Kawthar practices economical, construction, commerce, and supply and passenger transportation openly. All these activities are just a cover in order to transport the elements of the Al-Quds force into Iraq.

This is considered an old tactic from the Al-Quds force, which they have done in Lebanon, Afghanistan, Bosnia, and other Islamic countries. The Guard General Mansur Haq is in the leadership of the Al-Kawthar organization, and he works under the direct supervision of Qasim Sulaymani, who is the General Commander of the Al-Quds Force. Hajj Mansur meets twice a week with Qasim Sulaymani and with Guard General Balalik, who is the logistics commander for the Al-Quds force. They study the situation in Iraq during those meetings.

The Al-Kawthar organization has the responsibility of coordinating and supervising of the different activities of the different institutions in Iraq, such as the Red Crescent, Al-Shahid Organization, Amdad al-Khumayni Committee, and different tourism and religious companies.

Assignments and responsibilities of Arkan al-Kawthar:

- 1. Secure and support the Badr Corps, and the different groups belonging to Al-Quds force, such as the movement of Hezballah, 15 Sha'aban, Sayid al-Shuhada' Movement, and Tharallah [God's Vengeance].
- 2. Distribute the food supply and products among the citizens in order to win the support of the society.
- 3. Establish companies as a cover in order to transport the elements of the Al-Quds force into Iraq.
- 4. Coordination and supervision of the activities of all the economical and social organizations belonging to the Iranian regime in Iraq.

The assignment and responsibility of Arkan al-Kawthar is to fulfill the logistic needs of the Iraqi groups belonging to the Al-Quds force.

15 Sha'ban Movement

The Al-Quds force belongs to the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, which established different groups in Iraq. Among those groups is the 15 Sha'aban group, which is considered one of its important groups, and is working in the cities of Al-Nasiriyah, Al-Basrah, and the cities in the south.

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This movement continued its activities under the leadership of Hamzah al-Musawi (Al-Nasiri), after the incidents of 1991. Most of its members live in Iran and they have ties to Al-Fajr camp in Ahwaz. The group then moved to Iraq after the fall of the regime and took the city of Al-Nasiriyah as a place for its headquarters. (Complete information about the 15 Sha'aban Movement, the organizational structure, the liaison members, and financial means.)

The following are some of the operations carried out by the groups belonging to the Al-Quds force, in the southern region of Iraq:

The intelligence reports, from valid sources, indicate that the groups belonging to the Al-Quds force carried out a number of combined operations under the name of Islamic groups, upon receiving orders from Fajr Camp in Ahwaz, against the coalition forces in Al-Nasiriyah and Al-Basrah when the coalition forces entered the cities. They planted explosives set up ambushes. (We have a list of those operations.)

The media fronts belonging to the Al-Quds force.

The Iranian regime lays out the foundation in order to achieve their objectives in Iraq, taking advantage of the current Iraqi situation. They use their agents in Iraq. The Iranian regime established a number of radio and TV stations, and different newspapers in order to spread their extremist and old points of view in Iraq. They also want to have their

influence in the political arena, exploiting the religious sympathies of the people in Iraq. (We have a list of all the different radio and TV stations.)