

A handwritten document by Yahya Sinwar from August 2022 of the raid plan on Israel while emphasizing fundamental principles necessary for the plan's success.

In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

Praise be to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; prayers and peace upon the Master of the Messengers,

Preliminary Stage (for the raid) - It is essential that the forces carry out intensive movements weeks before any operation, in a manner the enemy calculates as routine. This will serve as a cover story for the major movement (the raid). Care must be taken that this happens especially in places where there are real movements.

Explosive Imagery - It must be ensured that images are released that will trigger a surge of euphoria, madness, and eruption among our people, especially in the West Bank, "inside" (likely referring to Israel's Arab communities), in Jerusalem, and across our entire (Islamic) nation. This is to encourage them to respond to the calls that will urge them to rise up. At the same time, these images must cause a wave of horror and fear among the enemy. Unit commanders must be explicitly instructed to cause these effects deliberately, to film them and to broadcast the footage as quickly as possible: soldiers stomping on heads, point-blank shooting, slaughtering some with knives, blowing up tanks, soldiers kneeling with their hands on their heads, and the like.

Scenes and Images of Horror - Events that will produce images of horror should be pre-planned - for example, several car bombs exploding in the Obanana outpost and create terrible destruction, heart-rending scenes, dreadful fire. Five or ten such images will sow mortal fear in them. "Allah came upon them from where they did not expect and cast terror into their hearts." (Quranic verse). Preparations must be made for two or three operations aimed at burning an entire neighborhood, a kibbutz, etc. - they will spill fuel or diesel from a special tanker, burn the place, and broadcast the pictures.

Breaching the Gates- For the flow of forces in the upcoming waves (the raid) and the people afterwards: a number of locations must be chosen - at least initially in the north (Erez Gate), one in the eastern Gaza (Nahal Oz), and a third opposite the central camps. This is so that at the end of the first wave, bulldozers can advance to open the gates, clear obstacles, and level the roads. In the subsequent stage, these bulldozers will move on to remove the wire fence, barriers, earth embankments, positions, etc., as much as possible.

Flow of Forces - A few minutes (10-15 minutes) after the beginning of the attack, it is essential to begin summoning all forces according to the plan prepared in advance and in many places - as many places as possible (each company can be in a different place) - so that the forces will be available to reinforce the attack, to expand it, or for a defensive effort if necessary, or to control the general situation.

There must be a clear division for this, according to a plan prepared beforehand. Each brigade commander should have a ready plan for summoning the forces, deploying them,

maintaining communication with them, and activating them according to central instructions from the commander of the military wing of Hamas and the central operations command.

In every plan, there should be stages or waves - the first is the initial attack wave, and then there is a second, third, and fourth.

Each wave should be predefined, with documents, maps, and objectives sealed in envelopes held by the brigade commander.

According to the developments in the field and situation assessments, the brigade commander will issue orders to set his deployed forces in motion.

The objectives of the Northern Brigade should be directed first and foremost towards the coastal area.

The objectives of the Gaza Brigade should be in a north-east direction at a specific angle.

The objectives of the of the Central Camps Brigade should be in a north-east direction, inclined towards the east.

The objectives of the Khan Yunis Brigade should be towards the east.

The objectives of the Rafah Brigade should be towards the south-east.

The entire set of objectives for each brigade must be ready, known, and arranged in order, so that the closest and most important ones are in the second wave and then the rest that follow (in order of importance) in the third wave and so forth.

Coordination with other Factions/Divisions - Four hours after the beginning of the initial attack, a concentrated contact must be made with the headquarters of the military wings, and then every brigade commander must summon the commanders of the main units of the most important wings and request that they concentrate their forces as soon as possible to integrate them into the operational plan in an orderly and systematic manner, so that he can integrate their forces in the third and fourth waves.

Identification Signals - During the flow of forces and for fear that they will collide with each other and thereby weaken the firepower of our forces, it is essential that there be specific flags uniform and known to all forces - so that they will raise them during their advance and immediately after they position themselves. It may have been necessary for everyone to tie a specific band on their right arm. Thus, preferably on it would be written "Al-Quds Army" (+Jaish Al-Quds).

Offensive Readiness for the Maximum Expansion of the Attack (Blessing from Allah) – There may be indications of the enemy's collapse from the beginning. The movements of our people "inside" (likely referring to Israel's Arab communities), in Jerusalem, and in the West Bank, as well as the intervention of Hezbollah, may encourage this. We must be ready to expand the attack to the maximum. The core of the plan should include controlling centers of power and controlling and commanding our concentrating forces. The forces of the

(Palestinian) factions/divisions can be sent toward civilian centers, but our forces must concentrate on defined, important objectives and key positions.

The plan must include a specific stage in which the commanders of the (Al-Qassam) battalions advance to manage the operations in sectors of responsibility designated for them from the outset. It is essential that the brigade commanders or their deputies advance. In this context, the means of communication must be examined, as the responsibility sector that will need to be taken over will be very large, with (efforts) to thwart any attempt (Blue side - likely referring to Israeli forces) of resistance and to take over military capabilities.

If we are not ready to exploit the opportunity to the fullest, then the enemy will succeed in gaining control of the chaos and moving to a counterattack, or it will receive assistance from outside, and then the situation will turn against us in the worst possible way. Therefore, it is essential to be ready for the flow (of forces inward), the development of the attack, its expansion, and reinforcement to the maximum during the first six to ten hours in order to establish solid facts on the ground that will thwart any possibility of a counterattack.