

PEOPLE'S FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF OMAN

MILITARY COMMUNIQUE NO/ 204/75

Operation of Martyr Ali Matoog: On 15.9.75 at 8.30 in the morning our ground defences have confronted the British and Iranian aircraft and clashed with them in a fierce battle in the south of Kudbeet in the North of the Western Region. The battle continued upto 12.00 p.m; and our revolutionaries have downed several enemy aircrafts. As the aircraft were being destroyed at the hands of our brave revolutionaries the enemy forces advanced from their centres at Afidon Ufairat and Kudbeet reinforced by tanks. On arrival at the battleground they were engaged by the forces of the People's Liberation Army with light and medium weapons reinforced by rockets and inflicted upon the enemy heavy losses. During the battle the enemy artillery started to comb the nearby area close to the battle ground indiscriminately and without realising any target. At the same time a group of our forces were besieging the enemy centre at Aqaitan. The besiege around the centre continued from the morning to the evening during which machine-guns were used.

The revolutionaries of 9th June inflicted upon the enemy the following losses:

- 1) Downing of three helicopters from the Iranian air force. The first fell in the south of Kudbeet and the second fell inside Kudbeet while the third fell between Kudbeet and Afidon Ufairat;
- 2) Two other aircraft were hit. The first is a helicopter and the second is a fighter of the Strike Master type. Both aircraft were seen falling to the direction of the north of the enemy centre ablaze.
- 3) Our revolutionaries have captured an Iranian pilot in the rank of *mulazim wal* (first lieutenant) and his name is Ali Mohammad Ashrafani;
- 4) Death and injury of fourteen soldiers and officers from the enemy members including British, Iranians, mercenaries and puppets.

The enemy forces have carried out a retaliatory operation as usual whenever they receive strong blows from the Liberation Army and whenever they suffer heavy losses at the hands of the People's Liberation Army forces and the People's Militia: these puppet forces have combed the area desperately with all weapons indiscriminately for 24 hours but there were no casualties and our forces returned safely to base.

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It was stated by the reactionary authority radio station at Sallah in its news bulletin in the evening of 17.9.75 that a helicopter was damaged on 15.9.75 due to a technical fault which came in a surprise in its propellers while on a reconnaissance flight in the north of the Western Region and that the pilot was rescued by the air force of British.