

Exercises addressing raids on Kiryat Shmona, Nahariya, and Tiberias, as described in a document resembling an evaluation for operatives

Content of the report:

In documents obtained by the Amshat intelligence unit, an exercise was found addressing a raid on Kiryat Shmona and Nahariya. Below is its translation:

(Refer to pages 2–3 in the scan – Editor's Note)

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Exercise Wajhia No. 2

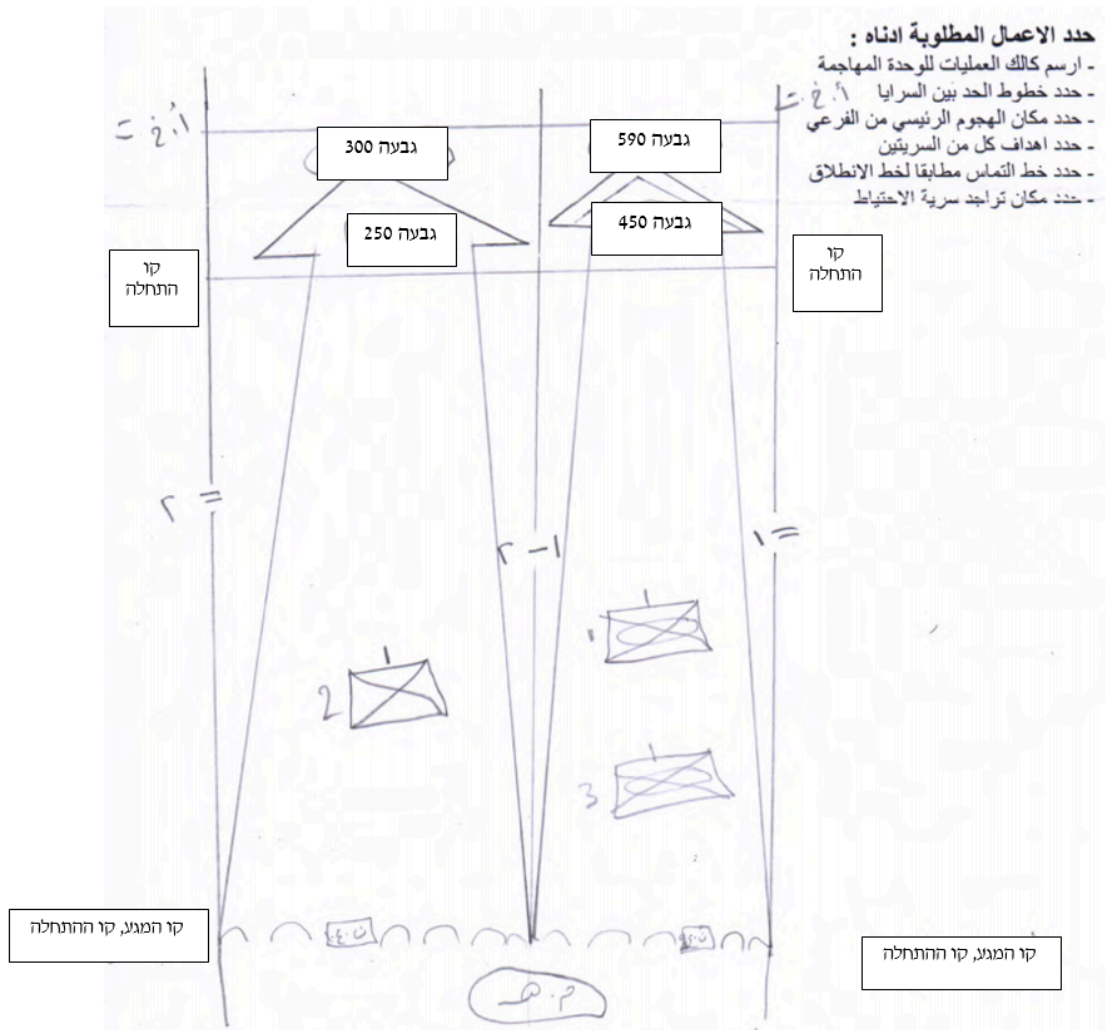
Jihadi Name: Mihrab 23

The Sid al-Shuhada Battalion, a mechanized infantry battalion (see Editor's Note 1), will launch an attack at 251215 (as stated in the source – Editor's Note) in July using two companies on the line (contact line – Editor's Note) and a reserve company.

- **Company 1**, a mechanized infantry company, will conduct the main attack eastward to seize Hill 450 (XXX) and Hill 590 (XXX) with the goal of securing them.
- **Company 2**, a mechanized infantry company, will carry out a supporting attack westward toward Hill 250 (XXX) and Hill 300 (XXX) with the aim of capturing them.
- **Company 3**, a mechanized infantry company, will remain in reserve and follow the main attack. Subsequently, the entire battalion will prepare to continue the offensive toward the city of Nahariya upon receiving a new order.

Please specify the required actions below (directive to the operative as part of the exercise – Editor's Note):

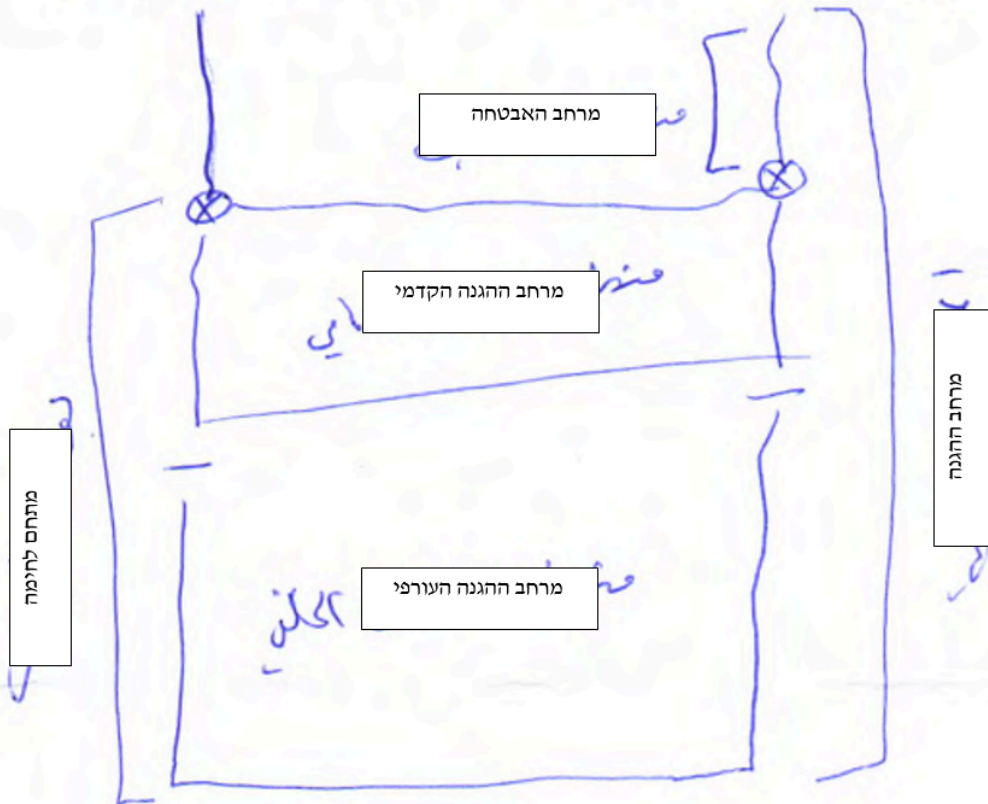
1. Draw the operations map of the attacking unit.
2. Delineate the boundaries between the two companies.
3. Mark the locations of the main and supporting attacks.
4. Indicate the objectives for each company.
5. Mark the contact line in accordance with the starting line (the forward boundary of the deployment area where the attacking forces are positioned – Editor's Note).
6. Mark the location of the reserve company.



Exercise No. 2

Question 1: Clearly draw a defensive area with its various components, and specify the name of each part.

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Question 2: Write down the tasks for each component of the defensive area mentioned above.

(The following response is handwritten – Editor's Note)

- **Security Zone:** Intelligence gathering, targeting enemy forces, delaying the enemy's advance, deceiving and misleading the enemy about the precise location of the command centre, attacking enemy patrols.
- **Forward Defense Zone:** Halting enemy advances, destroying enemy forces.
- **Rear Defense Zone:** Supporting the forward defence, conducting counterattacks, defending the (unclear word – Editor's Note) and the rear zone, deploying security forces forward.

(End of handwritten text – Editor's Note)

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Planning Test

Brother fighter: Mihrab 23

The commander of the 11th Regiment received an order from the commander of Brigade 1 (see Editor's Note 2) – the 11th Regiment, a mechanised infantry regiment, is to launch an attack at 200600 hours on January 20, 2019, toward Kiryat Shmona with the objective of capturing it. When the regimental commander reviewed the higher-level plan, he found that his mission was considered a secondary effort by the higher command. The brigade commander determined that the area of operations would extend from Hill 350 to Hill 210, up to the target destination.



(A non-substantive section; theoretical tasks assigned to the operative without concrete information – Editor's Note)

Subsequently, the regimental commander focused on preparing his assessment and reached the following decision:

The 11th Regiment, a mechanized infantry regiment, is to launch an attack at 040600

hours on January 1, 2018 (the crossed-out date is as written in the source – Editor's Note), using two companies on the line (contact line – Editor's Note) and a reserve company.

- **Company 111**, a reinforced mechanized infantry company (4 mechanized infantry platoons + an anti-tank team), will carry out the main attack to the left, westward, using a breakthrough manoeuvre (see Editor's Note 3) from the contact line toward Hills 210 (X;Y), 400 (X;Y), and 600 (X;Y), ultimately capturing Hill 600.
- **Company 112**, a mechanized infantry company (3 mechanized infantry platoons) (*parentheses as written in the source – Editor's Note*), will carry out a secondary attack to the right, eastward, using a breakthrough manoeuvre from the contact line toward Hills 250 (X;Y), 350 (X;Y), and 420 (X;Y), ultimately capturing Hill 420.
- **Platoon 1142** will prepare 120 mm mortars for the manoeuvring forces over a duration of 35 minutes, ensuring bombardment begins 20 minutes before the attack commences.
- **Company 113**, a reduced mechanized infantry company (two mechanized infantry platoons + a reduced anti-tank platoon), will remain in reserve and follow the main attack.
- **Company 1141** will conduct armoured reconnaissance to secure the right flank of the main attack. Priority in fire support will first go to the main attack, and subsequently to the reserve once it joins the operation.
- **Company 1143** will provide air defence to secure the operational area and prevent enemy aircraft from disrupting the progress of the manoeuvring forces, with the goal of capturing Kiryat Shmona.

Transmit the decision to the Operations Headquarters to prepare a plan. As you are serving as his operations headquarters, you must prepare the plan by addressing the following questions:

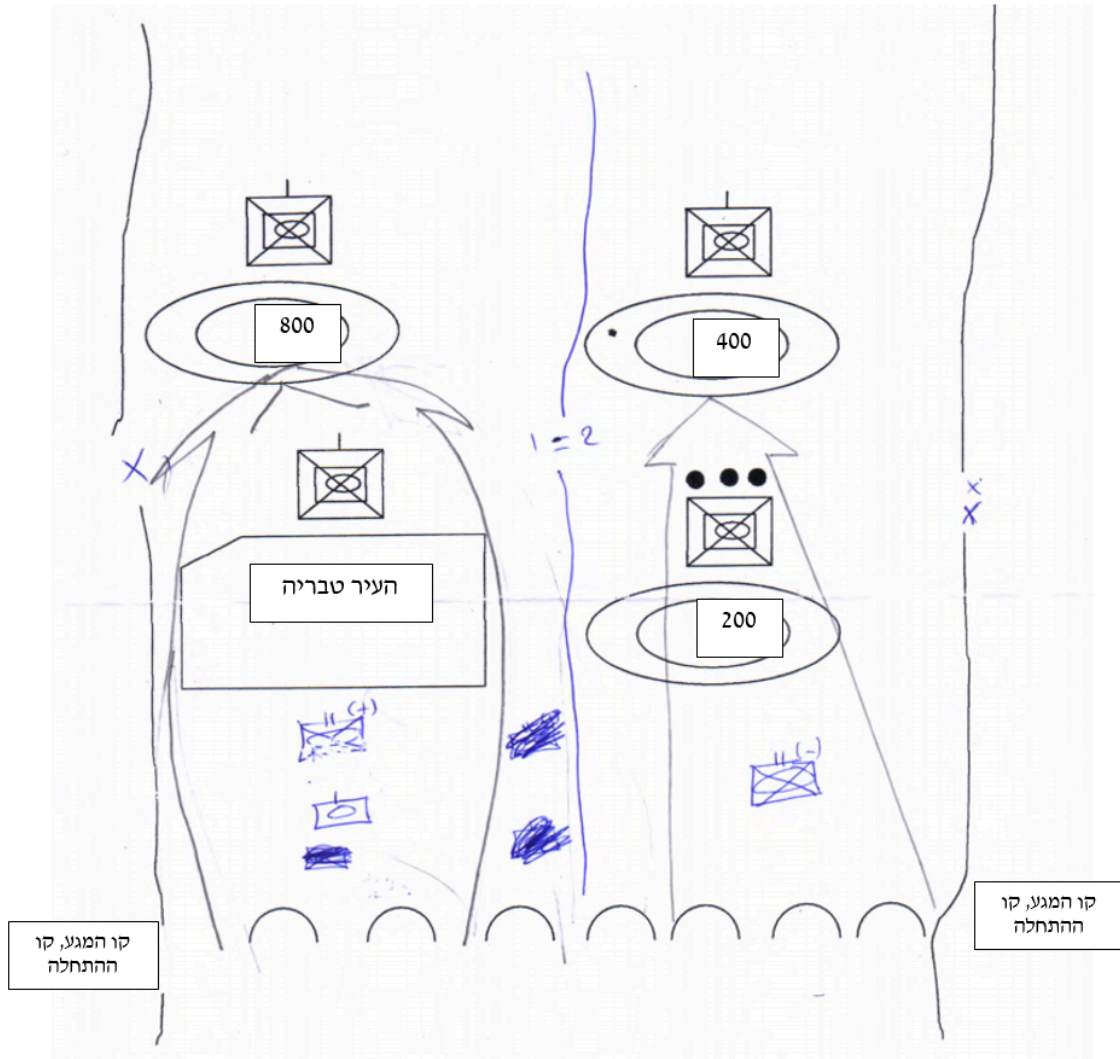
1. Detail the order of forces.
2. Develop the manoeuvre plan.
3. Develop the fire plan.
4. Write the tasks of the manoeuvre units according to what was outlined in the decision.

(Pages 5–6 in the scan – Editor's Note)

Exercise Wajhia No. 1

Name and Number (Jihadi – Editor's Note): Mihrab 23

23/5/2009 (as written in the source; this is likely a typographical error, and the intended year is 2019 – Editor's Note)



Answer the following questions:

1. Define the axes of advance for our units.
2. Define the main attack in relation to the secondary one and justify it. *(Next to the question, there is a brief handwritten note that is not substantive – Editor's Note)*
3. Define the scope of the expected attack by our forces.

(The following response is handwritten – Editor's Note)

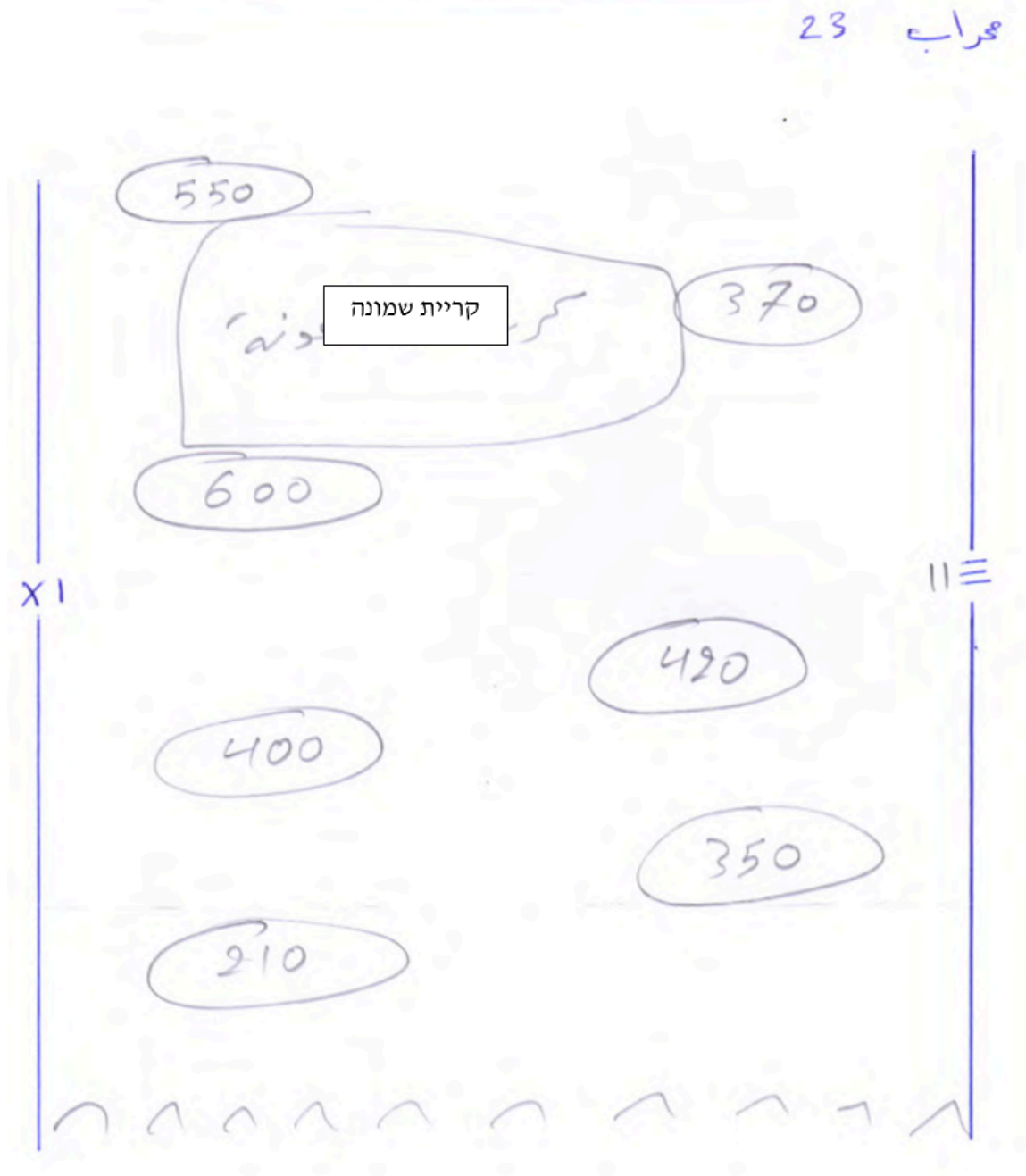
The scope of the expected attack by our forces is at the brigade level.

- **Brigade 1**, a mechanized infantry brigade, is to execute an attack on the city of Tiberias at the designated time on the specified day, capture it, and secure it.

- **Battalion 1**, a reinforced battalion, will carry out the main attack to the left to capture the city and Hill 800.

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Editor's Notes:

1. Since Hezbollah does not have a battalion-level echelon in its field hierarchy, this document is fundamentally hypothetical in nature within the context of an exercise. However, this does not negate the offensive essence underlying this exercise.
2. While the regiment-level echelon exists within Hezbollah's field hierarchy, the brigade-level echelon does not. It appears that its use in this document stems from the hypothetical nature of the exercise context, similar to what is mentioned in the previous note.
3. **Breakthrough Maneuver:** A form of manoeuvre characterized by an attack through enemy formations to sever their defence in full depth within a relatively narrow sector. Its phases include penetration, widening of the breach, infiltration, collapse of the defence, and exploiting success to destroy the enemy or capture a deep or systemic target.
4. It is worth emphasizing that the document bears prominent Shiite identifiers:
 - The opening of some pages, "+Bismihi Ta'ala+" (In His Name, Exalted) is a typical introduction for Shiite writings and serves as a marker of authenticity for Hezbollah's announcements and documents.
 - The term "**Jihadi Name**" is distinctly Hezbollah in nature. It refers to the official alias assigned to an operative upon joining the organization.
 - The operative's name, **Mihrab**, is also a Shiite name.