

The confidential records of the special police division revealed the misinformation techniques by which (a cadre of) the secret Zionist movement in Iraq resorted to trick the Jewish sect and convince them to leave Iraq, as those coming from Israel utilised and clung to immoral ways to (facilitate) their mission such as the payment of large bribes and the forging of official documents.

Kurgi Sabih Laoui recalls: Israeli agents used the doctor (Abdulnabi), an Iraqi Jew, in forging the signature of Iraqi minister of interior Salih Jabr and that one of those close to that minister requests 200 dinars for each permit (to migrate) an Iraqi Jew and that the travel department refused all transactions that carried the signature of Salih Jabr due to their discovery of them being forged!

Moreover, Jewish employees at the airport were used (to smuggle) many bags, and the police arrested a Lebanese citizen named (Adel) who was attempting to smuggle twenty-six bags for individuals belonging to the secret Zionist organisation.

On 21 June 1951, the orders were issued for the arrest of 149 members of the secret Zionist organisation, and after a week the police caught in the Mas'uda Shemtob Synagogue two military transmission devices carrying the code D-5 which were used by some members of the emigration committee to send telegrams to Tel Aviv.

A few days before that, more precisely on the 16 June, Shalom Salih Shalom confessed in detail his role and that of Yusef Basri and Yusef Murad [Yusef Murad Khabaza] in the case of throwing bombs and explosives on Jewish shops; and with that the police were able to crack the big puzzle which engulfed Baghdad due to the disappearance of the real culprits of these crimes which targeted Iraqi Jews.

Shalom told the investigator: On this day I found myself in a dilemma, whether to reply with an untruthful confession regarding the facts that you have faced me with, but as I have confessed some of the issues such as pointing to the weapons hideouts, I decided to disclose all the facts that I have.

Yusef Basri also confessed his role and added: after a law was promulgated for revoking citizenship, orders were given from Israel to recall all the members of the secret Zionist movement and indeed we were able to move out many of them while Yusef Murad [Khabaza] and Habib [Mordechai Ben-Porat] remained.

Investigator: Do you know anything about Habib?

Yusef Basri: I thought that he came from Israel and that he converted our activities to a terrorist activity such as throwing bombs and he depended on known sources in spying on Iraq such as Ezra Hindy, Shamoun Ballas, Salim Sadiq, Eliyahu Binmoor, Dad Basha, Lateef Fraem, Zilkha, and the two doctors Salim al-Shukurjy and Edwar Marwan.

Yusef Murad [Khabaza] was known by the name Johnny, and he was enthusiastic about migrating Jews and he frequented their shops and markets urging them to relinquish their citizenship and he was paid by Habib. Habib was not at that time in Baghdad as he had escaped to Israel and appeared with the name Mourdkhay bin Furat [Mordechai Ben-Porat]. With his escape the number of Iraqi Jews who relinquished their citizenship under the influence of the secret Zionist movement reached 108,154, and the number of Jews that had emigrated was 99,546, and 8,608 remained in waiting until 20 June 1951!