



## **Mission 3, Crouching Trucks, Hidden Boats**

70mn

**23rd of November 1987**

Your first try was a master stroke : two Tomcats down in a few minutes ! That evening, the General commanding Shiraz Air Base received a telex signed by Saddam Hussein in person with the usual congratulations and expressions of pride. Even if your name is not directly mentioned you know that a message from the Rais arriving so quickly is a good sign for your career. And the happy face of the General is a confirmation.

Your colleague shares your joy but is devastated inside that he missed such an opportunity. But no doubt this event has dented the morale and the pride of IRIAF even more : for two days, the sky is empty of Iranian CAP. However you are waiting for the worst. IRIAF pilots are brave and experienced. They were surprised but for sure they are planning a dreadful revenge.

### **Briefing**

For several weeks, in the Gulf, Iraqi tankers are harrassed by Iranian speedboats. Acting fast, they come close enough to use RPGs and other various light/medium weapons. They are generally unable to sink their targets but can damage and immobilize them. Because of their speed and small size, they disappear before IQAF could intervene.

IQAF thinks these speedboats are using small naval facilities along the coast. Instead of running in vain after the speedboats,

the plan is to locate and destroy these facilities.

The MiG-21s are tasked with that. But due to their low number and without threat in the sky, the General wants to involve also the Mirages 2000 in this job. Your colleague negotiated to keep one Mirage in a CAP role, just in case. And of course because of his seniority he has kept this role for himself hoping his share of air fights.

You are a little disappointed but have no choice. Your aircraft is loaded with 4 rocket pods, a versatile stuff suitable for all kinds of ground targets.

The MiG-21 patrols have followed one another all day without result. If the last one, still in flight, find something, your aim is to take off, carry out a damage assessment and finish the job if needed.

The last MiG-21 patrol was not luckier than the previous ones. But on their way back, near Ahram village, the two pilots spotted a suspect truck convoy on the west road. They managed to destroy some vehicles and stop the others before being bingo fuel and resuming their way to Shiraz. With the other Mirage 2000 in protection, it's your turn to go into action and clean what is remaining on this stretch.



Codename	Aircraft	Role	Ordnance
Nasir	MiG-21 x 2	Ground strike	FAB-250 x 2 4901 tank x 1
Uzi 1-1	M2000C x 1	CAP	R550 Magic II x 2 Super 530D x 2 13001 tank x 1
Uzi 2-1	M2000C x 1	Ground Strike	Rocket pod x 4 13001 tank x 1

**WP1** -

**WP2** Ahram village

**WP3** Shiraz Air Base

This mission is not Waypoint based but follow your nav plan unless Ops Center tells you otherwise.

**Shiraz Air Base** TACAN 94X, VOR 117.80

#### **Radio frequencies**

Shiraz Tower 121.90 (preset on Green Radio Channel 1)

Mission 251.00 (preset on Red Radio Channel 1)

This is a **cold** start from your shelter (D18).

To complete this mission you will need to start your aircraft, take off, destroy all the targets assigned by Ops Center, land at Shiraz Air Base in half-light condition and park your plane at the assigned location (D18).

#### **Advice**

- Use the standard F5 ATC radio menu for all the usual procedures with Shiraz Tower.
- Listen carefully Ops Center.
- You have enough ammo, use it wisely and don't waste.
- Don't forget your 30mm gun is also effective against all kinds of vehicles if needed.

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**Airfield**

Shiraz Air Base      TACAN 94X, VOR 117.80, Radio 121.90

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**Flight plan**

WP1      -  
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**Notes**

Assigned location at Shiraz Air Base -> D18 !