

February 22, 1946 British Congratulations for Uncovering Thefts

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Summary:

Short letter from the British security services in Syria and Lebanon thanking the Lebanese police for recovering stolen cars for the Allied army.

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لحضرة مدير البوليس العدلي المحترم الجمهورية اللبنانية بيروت •

اتشرف بتوجيه التهندة الخالصة لحضرتكم ولرجال دائرتكم للسيارات البريطانية والحليفة التي صار ارجاعها موخرا ولما رافق الحادث من سرعة في القبض على المسؤولين •

وأرى في تقرير ورد موخرا من دوائر امن الميدان ما اذكر تصد فيما يلي :-

"جا" تنافادة مؤداها ان منظمة تدعى شعّر (تعليق : قبيلة شعّر ؟) تعمل في سوريا ولبنان والعراق تنظم وتدبر سرقة السيارات العسكرية ويبعها و ويقال ان هنالك عددا كبيرا منها في بقعة الى الجانب الآخر من حماه ويقال ايضا ان الامير دهام (تعليق : دهام الهادى ؟) من نجد الرشيد في صحراً سوريا هو رئيس هذه المنظمة "

ويغيدني ان اعلم اذا كان ما لديكم من معلومات يطابق ما جا العلام . اللغتنانت كولوتيل ، رئيس بعثة الامن البريطانية Wilson Center Digital Archive

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Head of the Criminal Investigation Department Lebanese Republic, BEIRUT .

I have the honour to convey my most cordial congratulations to yourself and your Service for the recent recovery of British & Allied vehicles, and for the prompt manner in which the arrests were made.

I find in a very recent report from FSS the following paragraph reproduced hereunder :-

" Information has been received that an organisation named SHOUMMER (comment: SHAMMAR Tribe?), operating in SYRIA, LEBANON, & IRAQ is organising the theft and disposal of Military vehicles: it is said that there is a large dump of them in an area beyond EMIR DHAM (comment: DAHAM EI HADI?) from NAJD RASHID in HAMA . the Syrian desert is said to be the leader".

I should be interested to know whether the information in your possession is of the same nature as given above.

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