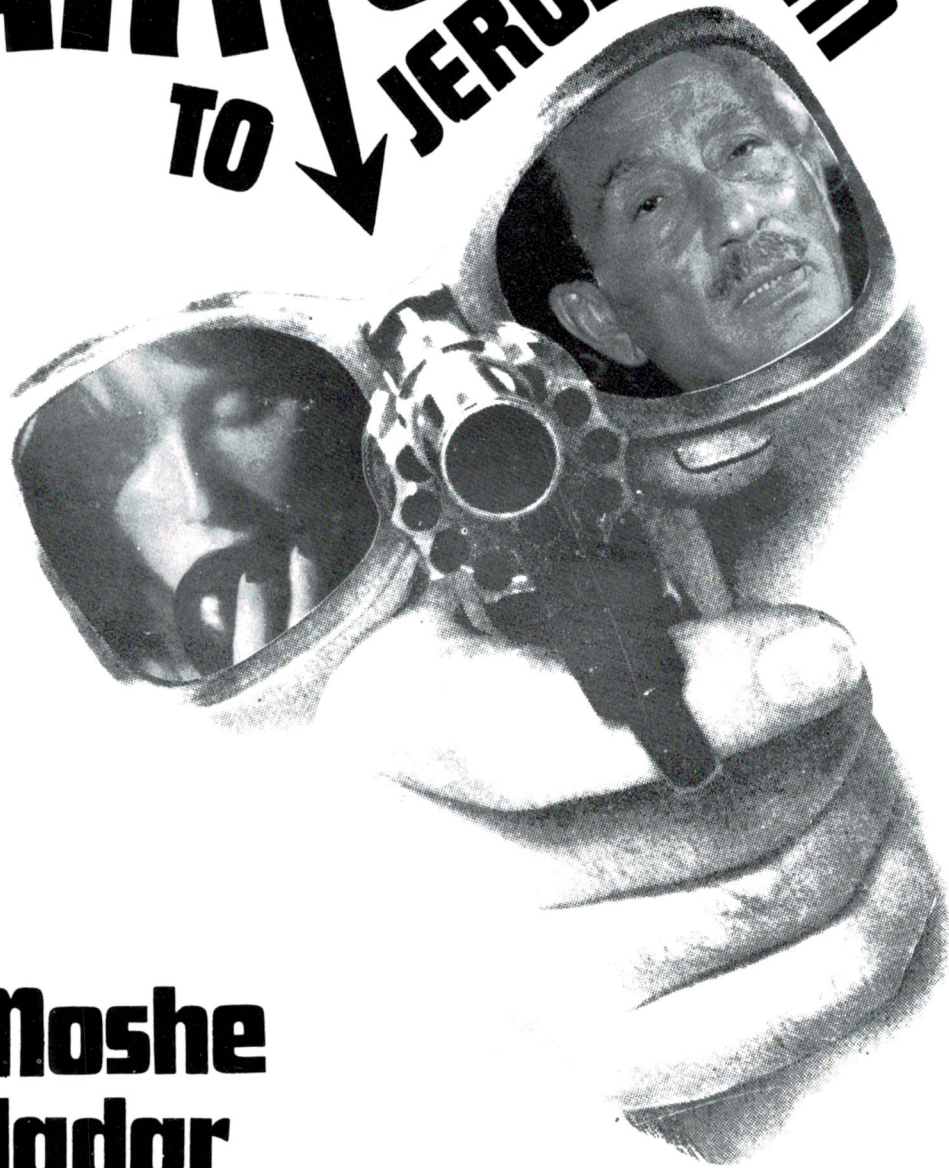


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## ARROW TO JERUSALEM



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Moshe Hadar was born in Tel Aviv; he has served in the Israeli Air Force since its founding, and was editor of the Israel Air Force Magazine for 28 years; at this writing he is Chief of Advertising and Propaganda for the Air Force and writes all scripts for the Forces films.

A professional Journalist and Screenwriter, Moshe Hadar's films "Altitude 40,000 ft." and "Tomorrow's Tempo" were awarded the First Prize "Golden Wing" Award at the Space and Flight Festival in Deauville, France ('63) and in Vichy, France ('65). Among his most well-known aviation scripts is "Three Hours in Une", on the theme of the Israeli Air Force's part in The Six Day War.

Moshe Hadar's scripts include those written for full-length feature films, and several of these have won outstanding recognition in film circles and with the public. They include: "Sinaya"; "Two Heartbeats"; "The War Behind the War"; "The Great Telephone Robbery"; and "Haham Gamliel" (English Title — "Marriage Jewish Style").

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ARROW TO JERUSALEM - Operation Sadat  
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## SYNOPSIS

When President Anwar Sadat announced that he would fly to Israel in November 1977, it became the task of the Israeli intelligence service to help protect his life. The service, known as MOSSAD and ranked among the top four in the world, was faced with the determination of the intricate network of Arab organizations all over Europe dedicated to foil any attempt by Egypt and Israel to achieve peace in the Middle East. Arrow to Jerusalem - Operation Sadat is a largely fictional work based on a related series of events.

A squad of heavily armed paratroopers surrounds a Middle East Airlines plane that has been forced to land in Israel. Among the first to enter the plane is Eldad, the Mossad operative who has played a major role in the planning of the mission. The object was to capture no less a personage than Dr. George Habbash - Chief of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. But, contrary to information received, Dr. Habbash was not among the passengers.

Eldad is fired from Mossad and his long-standing feud with his boss, The Bull, is a further complicating factor in his struggle for reinstatement. The Bull's hostility towards Eldad makes sure that any facts brought by Eldad to explain why the mission failed, will be unfavorably interpreted.

Eldad claims that Habbash cancelled his flight at the last moment because of his ailing heart. The Bull's counter-claim is that he did so because he'd been informed of the planned attempt to kidnap him, a point he supported by noting P.F.L.P. Intelligence Chief Ahmed Bustani's last-minute conversation with Habbash on the steps to the plane before flight, after which Habbash decided not to board the plane.

The Bull's secretary, Dalia, is Eldad's passionately loving mistress and moral support in his determined battle for reinstatement. It was Eldad's deep involvement with her that led to the breaking-up of his family. His anguished longing for his children is a constant accompaniment to his thoughts. He is particularly hurt by his son's apparent rejection of both father and country.

Eldad's determination pays off in the end, when he manages to provide conclusive evidence that the conversation between Bustani and Habbash had nothing to do with an intelligence leak and he tentatively is reinstated, to the chagrin of The Bull, who remains unconvinced.

Proof that he has been fully reinstated comes some three years after the Habbash failure, when Eldad is assigned the top level job of cooperating with Egyptian intelligence and with the CIA to protect the life of Anwar Sadat, who has announced his intention to visit Israel.

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Naturally, there is a rash of plans for his assassination. Eldad is posted to Vienna. Before he leaves he is informed by The Bull that Bustani is dead, a fact which pleases the boss since Eldad now cannot ever prove conclusively that he was right in the Habbash incident.

In Vienna, Eldad operates under cover of an electronics agency and he becomes friendly with a colleague in the field, Walter Rudell. Rudell's parents run a restaurant, aided by their cook Elsa. The restaurant is patronized by Arabs, two of whom are members of Jihad 4, the major organization determined to assassinate Sadat. This fact comes into Eldad's possession by means of the clever bugging of the Arabs' regular table, arranged by Eldad's assistant Micky. They also learn in this way, that the mysterious leader of Jihad 4 has contact with the owner of a string of brothels who is also a gun-runner.

Eldad pays a most informative visit to Eva, a high-class call girl working in one of these brothels. An intriguing, athletic and super-erotic sex saga follows and Eva becomes an affectionate admirer of Eldad; she also agrees to provide him with vital information concerning the activities of her boss whom she hates for his entrapment of her and others into a web of drug addiction and prostitution.

He later learns from Eva that a Bulgarian pilot, a patron of the brothel, will be ferrying a cache of arms out of Vienna and he is able with Micky, to foil the scheme which was meant to create unrest in the Middle East when Sadat was in Israel.

Naif Abu Zayad, Assistant Military Attache at the Egyptian Embassy in Vienna is both friend and partner to Eldad in the scheme to protect Sadat. It is through Naif that Eldad learns of Sadat's intention to visit a resort in the mountains around Salzburg some time before going to Israel. Eldad and Micky prevent an attempt on Sadat's life. The foiling of this attempt includes a bloody finale and two corpses - those of a Japanese woman terrorist and of a renegade Egyptian security man. The defeat of this plan is another score for Eldad in the battle of wits with Bustani who, far from being dead, as The Bull believes, is alive and directing operations for Jihad 4.

Several curiously related facts - a photograph, a voice-print and an incredible feat of surgery - have convinced Eldad that Bustani is alive. Whereas The Bull treats this information with scorn, Eldad follows through with a visit to a doctor who reveals the astonishing details of an operation performed on Bustani to enable him, though impotent, to achieve erection and sexual satisfaction by means of a mechanical device implanted in his groin.

Walter Rudell's parents are killed in a motor accident and when their safe is opened documents are found which prove Walter to be a Jew. He becomes involved with Judaism and Israel.

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He is encouraged to visit the country, and Dalia is elected his guide and mentor. Unknown to Walter, Mossad is behind this, and in the end Walter is recruited into the intelligence service.

Eldad is less than happy to observe the growing bond between Walter and Dalia, who has been trying to overcome her love for Eldad since she feels that he is still bound to his family and will never be entirely hers. But Eldad is still deeply attracted to Dalia, and his erotic fantasies about her and the memories of their lovemaking are as much torment to him as his longing for his children.

Walter's orders from Mossad are to penetrate the PFLP and act as informer. In this capacity, he participates in a number of terrorist acts, while managing to prevent real damage. This arouses suspicion among the Front members and it becomes necessary to stage a "successful" attack at Lod airport to prove that Walter is a bona fide terrorist. He is playing a very dangerous game and Eldad is anxious for him.

President Sadat's visit is hours away. Walter arrives in Israel with details of a number of highly complex and interwoven plots for the assassination of the Egyptian leader. One of these plots involves Walter in what he describes as a decoy operation. This is to be located in the cabin of a crane overlooking the runway. There Walter will take up his position with a sniper's rifle to shoot Sadat. The real and earnest attempt on Sadat's life is to take place as he leaves the country, Walter claims. He also gives Eldad names and descriptions of terrorists likely to make attempts on Sadat's life.

Walter is told that, in disguise, he will accompany the Egyptian President on all routes during his visit, for the purpose of identifying potential attackers.

At Al Aksa Mosque an attempt is made. It is prevented by Walter's spotting and chasing a man behaving in a suspicious manner. In this chase a young paratrooper is injured. (This is Amir, Eldad's son, and a reconciliation takes place, later, in the hospital).

The would-be assassin is one of the Vienna-based terrorists who, when interrogated by The Bull, firmly claims that Bustani is, in fact, dead, so seeming to clinch the argument in The Bull's favor:

Eldad returns to his office to pursue his daily habit of leafing through news clippings. There he finds a photograph of the funeral of Erika, a Baader-Meinhoff terrorist; among the mourners he identifies Elsa, the Rudell's cook.

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Micky is contacted in Vienna and sent to investigate Elsa. At her house he learns that Erika was Elsa's daughter and, further, that Walter was in love with the girl and, through her, was deeply involved with the Baader-Meinhoff organization as well as with Jihad 4.

Walter is not a Jew, the entire story was concocted to provide him with a clever cover and means of infiltrating Mossad. (He had no idea at first that Eldad and Micky were Mossad operatives.).

Before Micky can leave the old woman's house and pass on the information, he is killed. Eldad, meanwhile, has become concerned at the lack of communication from Micky and he decides to send Walter to find out what has happened.

Dalia accompanies Walter to the airport and sees him leave through the departure gate, ostensibly on his way to Vienna.

A highly complex game of moves, false moves and counter moves brings the story to its climax: a murdered night watchman, a cello case, deserted buildings all click together to lead to the denouement.

Walter has not left for Europe, he has, instead, exercised his talents in electronics to construct a remote-controlled sniper post in the crane cabin. Eldad has anticipated this and has taken care that it will not function. They meet and in the confrontation, Walter is shot and captured.

Eldad and Dalia, together with a group of soldiers, storm the roof of an empty building as the result of information Eldad receives at the last minute, when the leave-taking ceremony for Sadat is actually in process at the airport.

On the roof of the building they find Ahmed Bustani, who is equipped with a Russian missile launcher that is meant to shoot down Sadat's plane as it takes off. In the fight that ensues between Eldad and Bustani, Eldad remembers the facts he obtained from the German Doctor about the surgery performed on Bustani.

At a critical moment in the fight, Eldad throws the small switch located in Bustani's groin, thus activating the artificial erection mechanism. Bustani, confused and horrified, lowers his hands and Eldad deals him the fatal blow.

In a dying confession, recorded by Eldad, Bustani confirms that Habbash decided to miss the flight because of his health and not because of an intelligence leak. (Bustani was, in fact,

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trying to convince Habbash to fly in the conversation filmed at the foot of the stairs leading to the plane).

Bustani also confesses, before dying, that he was the head of Jihad 4. He dies with his eyes fixed on the safely departing plane of Anwar Sadat, and the Israeli Kfir fighters escorting it.

As Eldad and Dalia leave the roof, a burst of fire from behind them makes Eldad drop to the floor, but Dalia has not been quick enough - she is fatally wounded and dies in Eldad's arms, after affirming her love for him.

Eldad orders that copies of the tape containing Bustani's statement be made. The original he sends to The Bull.