



# First Gulf War

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# What is the 1st gulf war ?

- Begins on July 22-August 2, 1990- February 29, 1991

# How did it start ?

- ✦ “Economic Warfare”
- ✦ Accused of stealing oil
- ✦ Saddam over production of oil in Kuwait. It cost Iraq \$14 billion a year when oil prices dropped. Saddam accused Kuwait of illegally pumping oil from their fields.

# Timeline

- ✦ Iraq invades Kuwait. Takes over oil field and gets ready to invade Saudi Arabia, August 2.
- ✦ US Embargo on Iraq, August 6.

# Reasons

- ✦ To defend Saudi Arabia
- ✦ The U.S also thought Saddam would take Saudi oil fields.

# Timeline

- ✦ Saudi Arabia asks for help from US, August 7th.
- ✦ August 9th, US troops arrive in Saudi Arabia.

# Reasons

- ✦ Saddam declared Kuwait part of Iraq, to liberate.
- ✦ US runs to protect their oil interest

# Timeline

- ✦ UK and France send troops over seas, September 15.



# Time Line

- ✦ August 8th Hussein proclaims annexation of Kuwait.
- ✦ August 9th first U.S military forces arrive in Saudi Arabia. U.N declares Iraqi annexation of Kuwait void.
- ✦ August 10th Hussein declares “jihad” (holy war) against the U.S and Israel.

- ✦ August 11th blockade of Iraq begins. Iraqi oil shipments are halted.
- ✦ September 14th- 15th United Kingdom and France announce deployment of 10,000 troops to the Gulf.

# Time Line

- ✦ December 17th U.N sets deadline for Iraqi withdrawal on January 15th 1991.
- ✦ Saddam refused to agree to a peaceful withdrawal of Iraq troops from Kuwait on January 15th, 1990 . So operation desert storm began.

# Time Line

- ✦ January 25th Iraqi begin environmental war by pipping crude oil into the Gulf.
- ✦ February 1st Secretary of defense Cheney warns U.S will retaliate if Iraq uses chemical weapons.
- ✦ February 19th Soviet- Iraqi peace plan rejected buy president Bush.

# Time Line

- February 22 President push issues a 24 hour ultimatum

# Time Line

- February 26th Hussein announces Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait.

# Time Line

- February 29th President bush declares Iraq liberated.