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**May 28-30**
Hussein asserts oil overproduction by Kuwait and United Arab Emirates is "economic warfare" against Iraq.

**July 15-17**
Iraq accuses Kuwait of stealing oil from Rumaylah oil field on Iraq-Kuwait border and warns of military action.

**July 22**
Iraq begins military buildup against Kuwait.

**August 2,**[**#1**](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/gulfguide/timelinemap.html)
Iraq invades Kuwait and seizes Kuwaiti oil fields. Kuwait's emir flees. Iraq masses troops along the Saudi bordr. U.N. condemns Iraq's invasion and demands withdrawl.

**August 6**
U.N. imposes trade embargo on Iraq.

**August 7**
Saudi Arabia requests U.S. troops to defend against possible Iraqi attack.

**August 8**
Hussein proclaims annexation of Kuwait.

**August 9,**[**#2**](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/gulfguide/timelinemap.html)
First U.S. military forces arrive in Saudi Arabia. U.N. declares Iraqi annexation of Kuwait void.


**August 10**
Hussein declares a "jihad" or holy war against the U.S. and Israel.

**August 12**
Naval blockade of Iraq begins. All shipments of Iraqi oil halted.

**August 28**
Iraq declares Kuwait its 19th province, renames Kuwait City al-Kadhima.

**September 14-15**
United Kingdom and France announce deployment of 10,000 troops to Gulf.

**December 17**
U.N. sets deadline for Iraqi withdrawal on January 15, 1991. Hussein rejects all U.N. resolutions.

**1991**

**January 3**
Defense Department censors war reporting by press.

**January 9**
Talks between U.S. Secretary of State Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Aziz end in stalemate.

**January 12**
Congress grants President Bush authority to wage war.

**January 17**
Operation Desert Storm begins at 3 a.m. Baghdad time.


**January 19,**[**#3**](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/gulfguide/timelinemap.html)
First scud missiles strike Israel.

**January 22**
Iraq begins blowing up Kuwaiti oil wells.

**January 25,**[**#4**](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/gulfguide/timelinemap.html)
Iraq begins "environmental war" by pumping millions of gallons of crude oil into Gulf.

**January 30,**[**#5**](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/gulfguide/timelinemap.html)
Iraqi and Coalition forces engage in first important ground battle in Khafji, Saudi Arabia.


**February 1**
Secretary of Defense Cheney warns U.S. will retaliate if Iraq uses chemical or unconventional weapons.

**February 8**
Total U.S. troops in Gulf now over half million.

**February 12-13**
Air bombardment of Baghdad destroys three major bridges and kills 400 people in an air-raid shelter.

**February 19**
Soviet-Iraqi peace plan rejected by President Bush. Oil spill in Gulf now estimated at 1.5 million barrels.

**February 22**
President Bush issues 24-hour ultimatum: Iraq must withdraw from Kuwait to avoid start of ground war.

**February 24,**[**#6**](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/gulfguide/timelinemap.html)
Allied ground campaign begins. Schwarzkopf implements the Gulf War's critical "left hook" maneuver as conceived by General Grant's 1863 Civil War campaign at Vicksburg.

**February 25,**[**#7**](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/gulfguide/timelinemap.html)
Iraqi Scud missile hits U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, killing 28 U.S. soldiers.


**February 26,**[**#8**](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/teach/gulfguide/timelinemap.html)
Hussein announces Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait. Iraqi troops exodus from Kuwait City results in "Highway of Death."


**February 27**
Coalition forces enter Kuwait City. U.S. 1st Armored Division fights battle of Medina Ridge against Iraqi Republican Guard in Iraq. President Bush declares Kuwait liberated.