

## Timeline 2. Iraq: 1968–2001

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1968

July Baathist takeover

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1979

July Saddam Hussein becomes president; purge of Baath leadership

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1980

Sept. Iraq invades Iran, beginning Iran-Iraq War

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1988

Feb.–Sept. Anfal campaign against Iraqi Kurds

Mar. Gassing of Halabja

Aug. End of Iran-Iraq War

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1990

Aug. Iraq invades Kuwait

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1991

Jan.–Mar. Operation Desert Storm

March Massacre of Shiites

Apr. UN Resolutions 687, 688 (sanctions)

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1993

Apr. Assassination attempt on former President Bush

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1994

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Oct. Iraqi forces mobilize to invade Kuwait

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1995

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Aug. Defection of Hussein Kamil, son-in-law of Saddam

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1996

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Dec. Oil-for-Food program begins

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1998

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Aug. Saddam announces suspension of UN inspections

Oct. Iraq Liberation Act becomes U.S. law

Dec. UNSCOM withdraws its staff from Iraq

Dec. Operation Desert Fox

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1999

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Dec. UN creates UNMOVIC, but unable to restart inspections or monitoring

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1999–2002

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Iraq fires on U.S./U.K. patrol aircraft (almost daily)