





## THE GULF WAR

- 15** Iraq dismisses coalition terms as a “cruel hoax”
- 16** Iraq’s UN ambassador says Iraq will use weapons of mass destruction if U.S. bombing continues
- 18** Floating mines strike two U.S. warships in the Gulf
- 19** Iranian newspaper claims Iraq has suffered 20,000 dead and 60,000 wounded; U.S. Marines strike Iraqi targets in Kuwait
- 22** President Bush issues ultimatum to Iraq: withdraw from Kuwait by noon February 23 to avoid a ground war
- 23** Allies’ ground offensive begins at 4:00 a.m.; Iraq sets ablaze about 150 Kuwaiti oil wells
- 24** Allied ground assault begins; Allied casualties are very light; over 5,500 Iraqis captured
- 25** Allied forces reach outskirts of Kuwait City; Iraqi Scud missile hits U.S. barracks in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia: 28 soldiers killed, 90 wounded; nearly 20,000 Iraqis taken prisoner; 270 Iraqi tanks destroyed
- 26** U.S. reports Iraqi forces are in “full retreat”; Iraqi POWs number 63,000; Saddam Hussein announces Iraq will withdraw completely; residents of Kuwait City celebrate; U.S. Embassy in Kuwait City returned to U.S. control
- 27** President Bush declares Kuwait liberated and suspends offensive operations
- 28** Kuwaiti troops raise flag in Kuwait City; President Bush declares suspension of offensive combat; states conditions for permanent cease-fire

### MARCH

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- 10** U.S. forces begin withdrawal from Persian Gulf
- 14** The Emir of Kuwait returns to Kuwait after seven months of exile in Saudi Arabia

### APRIL

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- 3** UN calls for destruction or removal of all Iraqi chemical and biological weapons

### NOVEMBER

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- 6** Last Kuwaiti oil fires (ignited by Iraqis) are extinguished

## CHURCH AND WORLD EVENTS

### OCTOBER

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- 18** Azerbaijan declares independence from the Soviet Union
- 27** Turkmenistan declares independence from the Soviet Union
- 29** America’s Galileo spacecraft is the first to visit an asteroid

### DECEMBER

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- 4** Terry A. Anderson, a journalist, is released after seven years of captivity in Beirut
- 26** The Soviet Union officially dissolves