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War Statistics



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Number of precision-guided missiles and bombs that the United States plans to launch per hour at Baghdad during the war's first 48 hours: **63**

Number of days it is expected to take for Baghdad residents to become "physically, emotionally, and psychologically exhausted": **2 to 5**

Percentage of U.S. bombs and missiles dropped during the first Gulf War that were precision-guided: **9**

Percentage of U.S. bombs and missiles ready to be dropped during the coming war that are precision-guided: **75**

Number of U.S. satellite-guided bombs stockpiled in the Gulf region: **6700**

Number of U.S. laser-guided bombs stockpiled in the Gulf region: **3000**

Number of Americans killed during the first Gulf War: **148**

Proportion of Americans killed by "friendly fire" during the first Gulf War: **1 in 3**

Number of Iraqis killed during the first Gulf War: **100,000**

Number of American soldiers poised for attack at the borders of Iraq: **100,000**

Numbers of Iraqis and Americans who, doctors say, might die in the next war: **48,000 to 260,000**

Number of additional deaths expected from the civil war within Iraq following an invasion: **20,000**

Number of additional deaths expected from "post-war adverse health effects": **200,000**

Ranking of Iraq among countries with proven reserves of oil: **2**

Number of barrels of oil in Iraq's proven reserves: **112,000,000,000**

Year that U.S. oil companies were prohibited from investing in, or buying Iraqi oil: **1991**

Year that Dick Cheney, as head of oil field equipment manufacturer Halliburton, called for the end to sanctions against Iraq: **2000**



*Children at an Iraqi orphanage in 2001.
-photo: Reuters*

U.S. military spending, in billions of dollars per day: **1.08**

Ratio of U.S. military spending to the combined military budgets of Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria: **26 to 1**

Number of Iraqi children who have died as a direct result of sanctions, according to UNICEF: **500,000**

Sources: Harper's, The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, The New Yorker, Agence France Presse, Parameters, Target Iraq: What the News Media Didn't Tell You, Policy Analysis, Denver Post, Foreign Affairs, The Wall Street Journal, Sierra Club, The Village Voice.

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