

# The Daily Tar Heel

# FIRST STRIKE

## 'DECAPITATION ATTACK' AIMS TO ASSASSINATE HUSSEIN

EVENTS FROM THE END OF THE PERSIAN GULF WAR TO OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

**MARCH 1991**  
U.N. orders end of the Persian Gulf War; inspections begin

**SUMMER 1991**  
Iraq violates numerous U.N. mandates

**JANUARY 1993**  
Iraq breaches aircraft no-fly zone; U.S., Britain and France conduct air raids on some Iraqi military sites

**JUNE 1993**  
U.S. launches cruise missile at Iraqi intelligence headquarters in retaliation for assassination plot against former President Bush

**SEPTEMBER 1997**  
Iraqis videotape burning documents; U.N. issues statement of concern

**NOVEMBER 1997**  
Iraq demands all U.N. inspectors leave within 24 hours

**DECEMBER 1997**  
U.N. inspects "sensitive sites" after Iraq delays entry; U.N. calls Iraqi obstruction a clear violation of its resolutions

**OCTOBER 1998**  
Hussein ends all U.N. cooperation

**NOVEMBER 1998**  
Hussein allows U.N. to return to Iraq; U.S. and Britain threaten to strike if he does not fully cooperate

**DECEMBER 1998**  
Operation Desert Fox goal is to strike Iraqi military and security targets; Iraq declares U.N. can't come back

**NOVEMBER 2000**  
Iraq rejects U.N. offer to discuss inspections

**SEPTEMBER 2000**  
U.N. begins discussions on Iraqi noncompliance

**SEPT. 12, 2002**  
President Bush tells world leaders at a U.N. session to confront Iraq or stand aside as the U.S. takes action; U.N. moves to draft a resolution forcing Iraq to comply with resolutions.

**NOVEMBER 1998**  
U.N. unanimously adopts Resolution 1441 calling for serious consequences if Iraq is found to be in "material breach"

**DEC. 7, 2002**  
As required by U.N. resolution 1441, Iraq supplies 12,000 pages declaring its doesn't have banned weapons

**FEB. 5, 2003**  
U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell makes a presentation before the U.N. to persuade doubters that Iraq is in "material breach"

**MARCH 7, 2003**  
Chief weapons inspector Hans Blix reports that Iraq is cooperating but says inspectors need more time

**MARCH 17, 2003**  
U.N. orders the evacuation of arms inspectors from Iraq; Bush says Hussein and his sons must leave Iraq within 48 hours or face war

**MARCH 19, 2003**  
Assassination attempt is made on Hussein; Bush announces that the early stages of war have begun; conflict titled Operation Iraqi Freedom



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**T**HE UNITED STATES LAUNCHED THE OPENING SALVO WEDNESDAY NIGHT OF A WAR TO TOPPLE SADDAM HUSSEIN, FIRING CRUISE MISSILES AND PRECISION-GUIDED BOMBS INTO BAGHDAD. U.S. OFFICIALS SAID THE IRAQI LEADER HIMSELF WAS AMONG THE TARGETS.

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"This will not be a campaign of half-measures, and we will accept no outcome but victory," President Bush said in an Oval Office address shortly after explosions ricocheted through the pre-dawn light of the Iraqi capital.

Anti-aircraft tracer fire arced across the Baghdad sky as the U.S. munitions bore in on their targets. A ball of fire shot skyward after one explosion.

Hussein appeared on state-run television a few hours after the attack. He accused the United States of committing a "shameful crime" by attacking Iraq, urging his people in a nationally televised address early today to "go draw your sword" against the enemy.

Hussein appeared on television, wearing a military uniform, vowing that "Iraq will be victorious," about two hours after U.S. cruise missiles hit targets in and around Baghdad. U.S. officials said the strike targeted Hussein himself and other leadership figures. The Iraqi leader appeared subdued, and his puffy face showed signs of strain. He wore reading glasses — something he has avoided in public. He appeared less vigorous than during a meeting of his Revolutionary Command Council last week.

"We promise you that Iraq, its leadership and its people will stand up to the evil invaders, and we will take them to such limits that they will lose their patience in achieving their plans, which are pushed by criminal Zionism," he said.

"Draw your sword and be not afraid," he urged the Iraqi people, before ending the speech by chanting, "Allah akbar," or "God is great," and saying,

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## Ground, not air, forces key to war

Goal differs from that of 1991 conflict

BY JOE RAUCH  
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As President Bush announced Wednesday night that the opening phase of military action had begun and U.S. weapons struck at strategic targets near Baghdad, the coalition of U.S.-led troops waited from Iraqi borders for the go-ahead.

In the early morning hours, Iraqi time, U.S. forces fired more than 40 missiles aiming to hit President Saddam Hussein. As of press time, it seemed certain that Hussein was still alive.

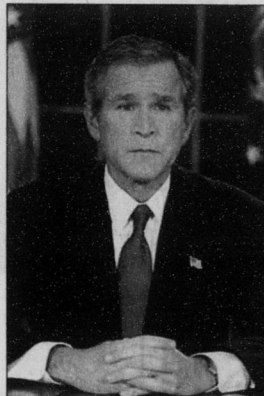
Military experts, both inside and outside the Pentagon, assert that this war will be fundamentally different than the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

This war's basic goal is different than the 1991 war. Retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. William Nash, now a senior fellow and director of the Center for Preventative Action, said that once begun, the war has four basic goals.

First, a defeat of the Iraqi military is ultimately necessary, to be succeeded by the ousting of Hussein and his government. Finally, forces must secure any weapons of mass destruction hidden in the country and establish a postwar Iraqi government.

The trick, Nash said, is accomplishing all of these goals simultaneously.

U.S. and British forces in the



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In a 4-minute speech, President Bush said the "early stages" of the war began Wednesday night.

region number more than 300,000 troops. The United States has contributed roughly 250,000 of the total troops. Most of these troops are stationed along the Kuwait-Iraq border near what U.S. senior military officials have termed "the Line of Departure."

The main targets of any initial bombing will be Iraqi command-and-control centers, along with any

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*"We will meet that threat now with our Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard and Marines, so that we do not have to meet it later with armies of firefighters and police and doctors on the streets of our cities. ... This will not be a campaign of half measures, and we will accept no outcome but victory."*

GEORGE W. BUSH,  
PRESIDENT

## AREA REACTS TO WAR



DTH/BRIAN CASSELLA

Fifteen-year-old Ashley Glasser attends a "Service of Prayer and Quiet" before Bush's address Wednesday night at the United Methodist Church that was attended by about 50 people.

## Enthusiasm, anger mark area response

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Enjoying a meal at Ham's on Wednesday night, the reality of a war with Iraq sunk in for junior Sybil Price after hearing President Bush address the nation.

"It's just now becoming real to me," Price said. "People are going to die, and I don't see how that's ever right."

But not everyone shared Price's sentiments — there were mixed feelings across UNC and Chapel Hill after Bush confirmed what most had been expecting for the last two days.

While many students were glued to their TVs in anticipation of an announcement of

war, others were unaware of Wednesday's address, which was announced only half an hour in advance.

Inside Hinton James Residence Hall, some passers-by were surprised and paused at the community office to watch the speech on the office's tiny 9-inch television.

One student, freshman Deidre Richardson, said she agrees with Bush's reasons for military action. "(The United States) wants to liberate the Iraqi people and spread democracy to all people all over the world," she said. "I think it's wonderful."

But other students were more reluctant to

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### WEATHER

TODAY Rain, High 61, Low 56  
FRIDAY P.M. Rain, High 69, Low 49  
SATURDAY Partly Cloudy, High 73, Low 51