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After Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait and subsequent defeat by a US-led coalition, Iraq was occupied by coalition forces from 1991 to 2003. In 2003, the US-led coalition invaded Iraq, overthrowing Saddam Hussein's regime. The coalition then established the Iraqi Transitional Government, which was replaced by the Iraqi Government in 2005. The coalition's presence in Iraq ended in 2011.



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**The Beginning of the War**

In the morning of March 20, 2003, the coalition forces launched the invasion of Iraq. The UN Security Council had passed Resolution 1483 on March 19, 2003, authorizing the use of force to disarm Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction. The coalition forces, led by the United States, invaded Iraq from Kuwait on the night of March 20, 2003.

**Operation Desert Fox**

The operation was a series of four air strikes against Iraq's nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons facilities, and its air defense command and control centers. The strikes were conducted between December 16 and 19, 2002, in response to Iraq's failure to comply with UN Security Council Resolution 1449, which demanded that Iraq allow UN inspectors to return to Iraq.

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## operation Desert Fox

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the UNSCOM perform inspections confirm that the conditions of the peace agreement were carried out. the weapons inspectors were kicked out of Iraq in December of 1998 which lead to operation Desert Fox a three day bombing campaign on iraqi targets.





## **after desert fox**

the mission to strike military and security targets in Iraq that contributed to the countries ability to produce store, maintain and deliver wmds. the disagreement concerned UN inspector access to various sensitive sites and presidential palaces.the weapons inspectors were not let back into Iraq until November 2002, after the UN security council had passed its resolution.

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