

Newspaper Coverage: The War in Iraq

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Background: Saddam's statue has been toppled and signifies the end of his regime or rule over Iraq. There is now the question of who will rule the country.



The RMN has also chosen to focus on American outcomes

The SMH chose to focus on the decline of Saddam – the destroying of his statue perhaps from malicious activity. Whereas, the RMN chose to focus on the people of Iraq and what this day may mean to them.



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U.S. soldiers and Iraqi civilians pull down a 40-foot tall statue of Saddam Hussein in downtown Baghdad on Wednesday as the Iraqi capital is under control of coalition forces. More photos: Page 18.

U.S. flexibility played key role in war's success
By Michael F. Green
The New York Times

CAMP DHAHA, Kuwait — If there is a single reason for the allied success in toppling Saddam Hussein's government, it is the flexibility the U.S. military demonstrated in carrying out its campaign.

From the very start, the U.S. military had to adapt to Iraqi allies, changes ordered by superiors in Washington and new tactics used by the foe.

American forces began the campaign without the northern front that the strategy called for and with fewer troops than had been planned. They were forced to advance the date of the land attack and they fought battles in Iraq's southern cities that were never anticipated.

In the final analysis, the speed of the allied land assault, coupled with American air power, enabled the military to arrive at the outskirts of Baghdad before the Iraqis could set up an adequate defense.

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Baghdad falls

IRAQIS BASH SADDAM
Angry Iraqis assault a statue of the Iraqi leader with slippers as it is dragged through the streets of Baghdad yesterday. A larger metal image of Saddam was brought down by a US military vehicle in the centre of the capital. A US Marine briefly draped the American flag over the face of Saddam. It was later replaced with the Iraqi flag.



Baghdad: US Marines toppled a huge statue of Saddam Hussein in the heart of the city yesterday as Iraqis celebrated the humiliating collapse of his 24-year rule.

Chattering excitedly, a crowd of Iraqis danced and trampled on the fallen 6m-high statue in contempt for the dictator.

Iraqis lacked at the statue's marble plinth with a sledgehammer. Youths looked a noose around the statue's neck and attached the rope to a Marine armoured vehicle, which dragged it over.

There was no word on the fate of Saddam or his sons, targeted by US planes that bombed a western residential area of the city on Monday. A CIA official said he did not know if the Iraqi leader had survived the attack, but British intelligence sources said he probably did.

Saddam, who led Iraq through three wars and decades of suffering after taking power in 1979, had vowed to crush a US and British invasion launched three weeks ago to oust him.

But his forces offered little resistance yesterday as US troops thrust through this sprawling city of five million, amid chaotic scenes of rioting, looting and gunfire.

Looters gutted official buildings, hauling off anything from air-conditioners to flowers. The finance ministry was ablaze late in the day, though it was unclear how the fire had started.

"People, if you only knew what this man did to Iraq," yelled an old man standing in the road, thrashing at a torn portrait of Saddam with his shoe. "He killed our youth, he killed millions."

President George W. Bush is said to be pleased with the military progress, but remained cautious because he knew great danger could still lie ahead.

"What you're seeing in parts of Baghdad is only that, one section of Baghdad. There are many other cities that are dangerous," said his spokesman.

Gunfire and explosions echoed intermittently across Baghdad during the day, intensifying at dusk, especially in the western Mansur district, scene of the air raid aimed at Saddam.

Tank and artillery fire could be heard across the Tigris on the eastern bank of the river at the Palestine Hotel, overlooking the fallen Saddam statue.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said it was too early to declare military victory in Iraq.

This conflict is not over yet. There is still resistance, not broadly spread among the Iraqi people, but among those parts of Saddam's regime that want to cling on to power," he said.

Jubilant crowds threw flowers and cheered as Marines drove into the city from the vast eastern township of Saddam City, home to about two million impoverished Shiite Muslims.

From first light, there was no sign of Iraqi troops, police or officials in the streets of Baghdad. Even Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahaf, who has turned up daily to pour abuse on the Americans, failed to make an appearance.

The US military said a crucial point had been reached at which ordinary people realised Saddam's rule was over.

Brigadier-General Vincent Brooks also said the war would go on to pursue "regime appendages" in various parts of Iraq.

Residents of Iraq's second largest city Basra, which fell to British troops this week, complained of a power vacuum as armed men roamed the streets, looting and pillaging. "We are caught between two enemies, Saddam and the British," said a student.

Is this what they call a liberation? We want our own government. We want our own security and our own law! — Reuters

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Major Combat Over, April 2003

Big battles over

■ **Major combat done, Syria on notice, U.S. says. 2A, 7A**



U.S. soldiers arrest a group of men in the streets of Baghdad on Monday. The men were suspected of possessing weapons and attempting

to ambush the troops. U.S. soldiers and Iraqi citizens claimed that the group of suspects was not from Iraq.

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AFTER SADDAM

Bush turns his sights on Syria

By Andrew Ross
The White House has announced that the United States will demand that Syria provide information on the whereabouts of U.S. soldiers and civilians who were captured or killed during the invasion of Iraq. The demand is part of a broader effort to hold Syria accountable for its role in the conflict.



Struggle for power leads to first taste of freedom

The child is one of many who have died in the conflict in Syria. The image is a powerful symbol of the human cost of war. The article discusses the impact of the conflict on the civilian population and the role of the Syrian government.

Politics & Government

Uni fees to soar for top degrees
The University of Sydney has announced that it will increase fees for top degrees starting next year. The increase is part of a broader effort to raise revenue for the university.

Local News

U-Rout: man dismissed by SMS
A man has been dismissed from his job at a local business after sending a text message to a colleague. The incident has caused a stir in the community.

Business & Finance

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Share prices in Australia have risen today, led by the mining sector. The increase is attributed to a combination of factors, including strong earnings reports and a positive outlook for the economy.

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'CAUGHT LIKE A RAT'

By Marcus Sam and Alexander Vasovic

ADWAR, Iraq — When darkness fell, the Americans found him in position, 400 of them, from different units in elite special forces. They targeted two houses in this rural village of orange, yellow and palm groves. Some saw his mother, they were told. But when they struck, they found nothing.

Then they spotted two men running away from a small walled compound in the trees, inside, in front of a mud-brick hut, the troops pulled back a carpet on the ground, cleared away the dirt and revealed a Saddam prison. Underneath, a hole led to a tiny chamber, just big enough for a single person to squeeze into.

At first they didn't recognize the man hiding inside, with his curly hair, wild beard and a pistol cradled in his lap. But when they asked who he was, the low-slung looking man gave a shocking answer.

"He was just caught like a rat," said Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno, commander of the 4th Infantry Division, which led the hunt in the area for the world's most wanted man, and conducted the raid that caught him. "When you're in the bottom of a hole, you can't fight back."

The term is now the latest addition to a list of nicknames for the man who fled among palm trees along the Tigris River just a few miles from Saddam's birthplace of Uja. One of the many

THE FACE OF SADDAM — One top U.S. military official does that the captured Saddam Hussein is "a man, and not a threat to our people." "One member of the Iraqi Governing Council," he said, "was speaking on his behalf and was going on around him."

The 'ace' was in the hole

Ending one of the most intensive manhunt in history, U.S. forces captured Saddam Hussein on Saturday in an underground hideout on a farm in Mosul, 10 miles from his hometown of Tikrit. It was the last of Saddam's in the dock of U.S. military courts.

Bedroom with clothes scattered, including a handgun, was found.

Saddam's pistol in the hole.

Saddam was found in a narrow crawl space branching off the tunnel. He was carrying a pistol and had a knife in his hand.

SOURCES: Associated Press, Pentagon

Holiday border-crossing eased

By Ignacio Herrera

MEXICO CITY — Mexican officials are working to make the trip south of the border easier for up to half a million Mexicans and Americans of Mexican descent expected to head there this way for the Christmas holiday.

And U.S. border enforcement officials are watching the flow of people going south to make plans for the visitors' return trip next month, though there are concerns about the return of those who have been deported.

Nearly 30,000 Mexicans living in the United States and nearly 2,000 U.S. citizens have already passed through the immigration checkpoint since Dec. 1, said Jose Manuel Robles de la Torre, the assistant director of Mexico's immigration service in Nogales. That's expected to increase to as many as 1,000 people a day between Wednesday and Dec. 25, the peak of the annual holiday journey to Mexico.

At the kilometer-21 checkpoint south of Nogales, the Mexican immigration service has backed up its staff and streamlined its operations.

There's now a three-lane temporary parking area about a mile and a half north of the checkpoint.

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'THE TYRANT IS A PRISONER'

Ex-dictator is an important figure

US. military officials say they have captured Saddam Hussein in a hidden underground bunker in Iraq. The capture of the former dictator is a major blow to the Iraqi regime and a significant step towards the end of the war in Iraq.

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New talking map opens Thailand to the blind

By David J. Phillips

NEW YORK — A new talking map of Thailand has been developed by a team of researchers at the University of California, Berkeley. The map is designed to help the blind navigate the country's complex road network.

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