

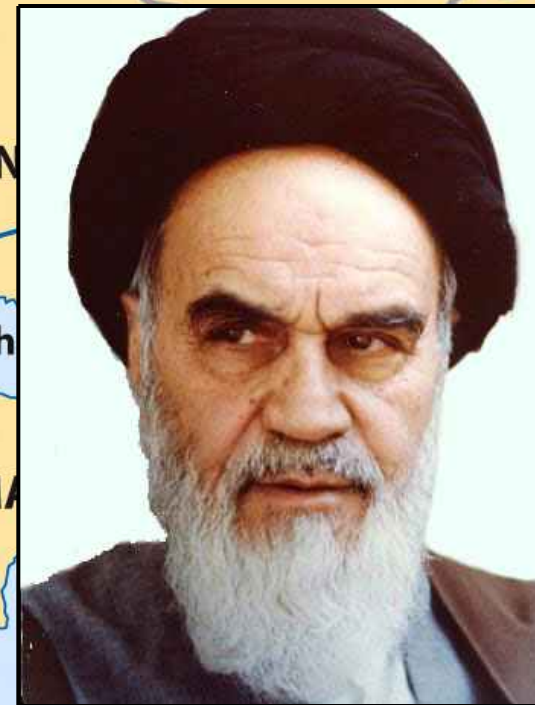
■ Essential Question:

- What were the causes & effects of the Persian Gulf War?

■ Warm-Up Question:

- What are some of the reasons why the US has become involved in the Middle East?

Incident #1: The Iran-Iraq War



Oil fields

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U.S. RESPONSE #1: The Iran-Iraq War



The Reagan administration did not criticize Saddam for using chemical weapons. In 1988, Dow Chemical sold \$1.5 million of pesticides to Iraq which could be used as chemical warfare agents

Incident #2: The Iraq-Kuwait Dispute



In July, the Pentagon was busy developing a plan in the case of an Iraqi invasion of Kuwait or Saudi Arabia or both



The U.S. government maintained the stance that the U.S. did not have an opinion on Arab-Arab conflicts but secretly prepared for war if Iraq invaded Kuwait

Incident #3: Iraq Invasion of Kuwait



President Bush declared,
“This aggression will not stand” &
initiated Operation Desert Shield
to protect Saudi Arabia

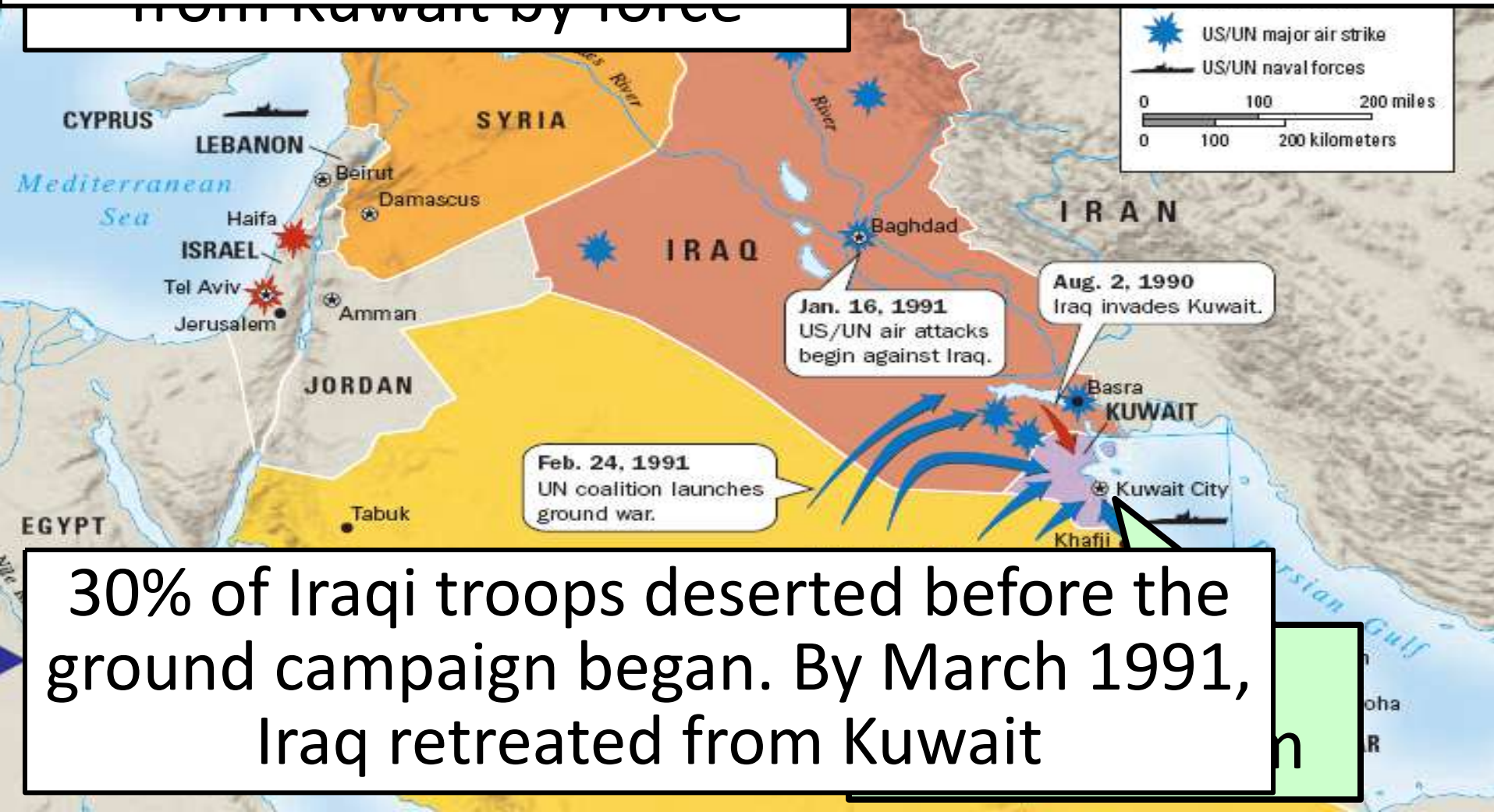
of Kuwait



an international coalition against
Iraq: Turkey & Syria closed oil pipelines, the USSR
initiated an arms embargo, & a multi-national
army was created to protect Saudi Arabia

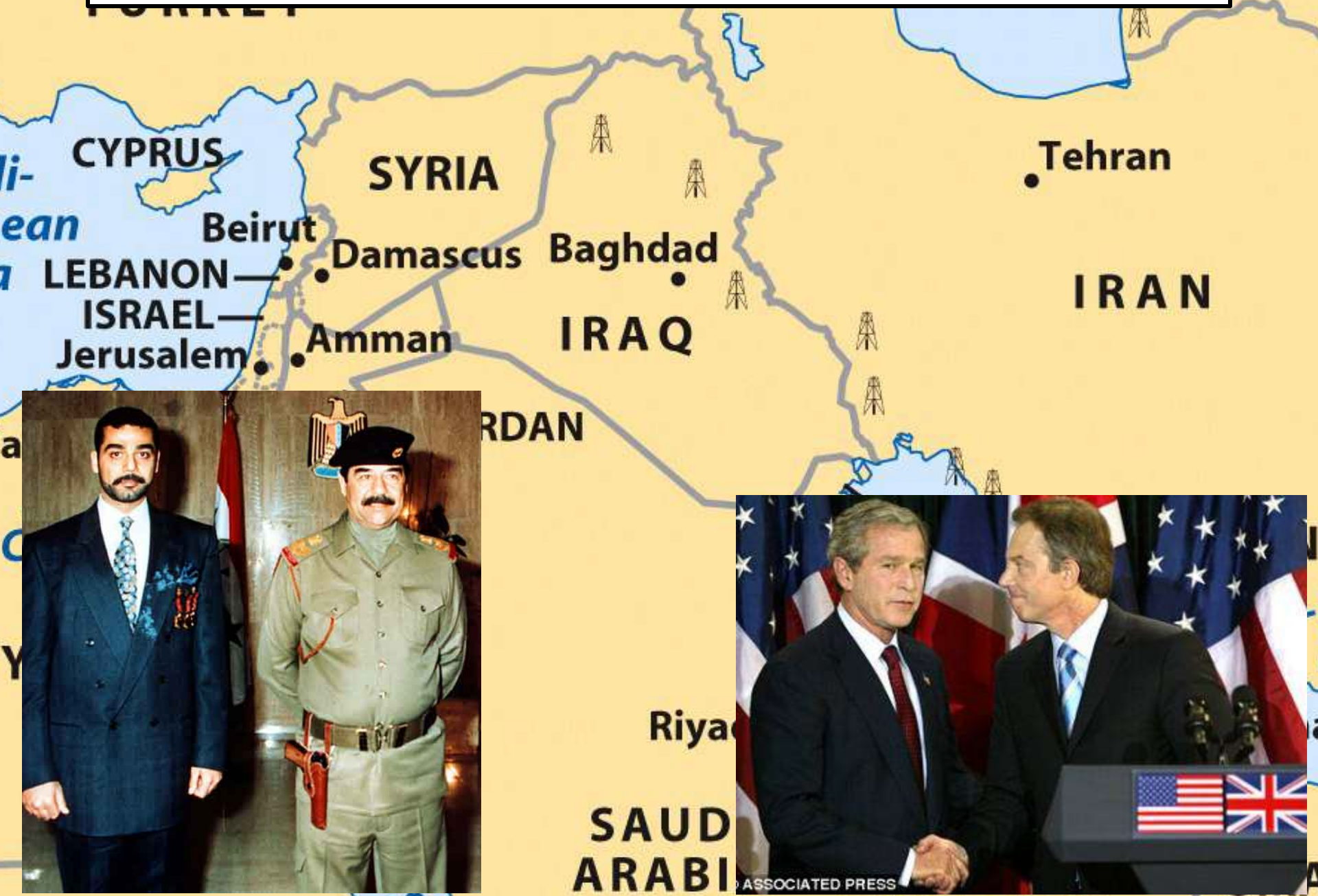
After only 1 month of bombings, the U.S.-led coalition gained air supremacy; destroyed Iraqi supply routes & communications; limited Iraq's ability to produce nuclear or chemical weapons

from Kuwait by force



30% of Iraqi troops deserted before the ground campaign began. By March 1991, Iraq retreated from Kuwait

Incident #4: After the Persian Gulf War



U.S. Response #4: After the Persian Gulf War

When Saddam refused to leave Iraq, U.S. & allied forces launched air strikes directed against the Iraqi gov't & military. Within days U.S. forces had invaded Iraq from Kuwait.



...tried & executed for “crimes against humanity



U.S. troops are still in Iraq trying to bring peace to Iraq, install a democratic gov't, & overcome a strong anti-American revolt against U.S. troops. To date, no WMDs have been discovered in Iraq

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MIDDLE EAST THEATRE OF WAR

