

Fact Sheet: Iraqi War

- **Length of official combat operation, Operation Iraqi Freedom:**

March 20–May 1, 2003.

- **Deployment:**

More than 300,000 coalition troops deployed to the Gulf region: about 255,000 U.S., 45,000 British, 2,000 Australian, and 200 Polish troops (60 of whom served as combat soldiers).

- **Post-conflict peace-keeping forces:**

About 130,000 U.S. and 11,000 British troops were stationed in Iraq following official end of hostilities, May 1. Coalition forces in Iraq, May 2005: Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Georgia, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Mongolia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, United Kingdom, Ukraine.

- **Coalition names for Operation Iraqi Freedom:**

UK, Operation Telic; Australia, Operation Falconer.

- **Central Command, U.S. Forces (CENTCOM):**

Theater headquarters: Qatar. Troops stationed in Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Diego Garcia, the Mediterranean, Arabian Sea, and Persian Gulf.

- **U.S. casualties:**

Deaths March 20–May 1 (official end of hostilities): combat, 115; noncombat, 23; total, 138. Deaths March 20, 2003–Aug. 16, 2005: combat, 1,441; noncombat, 417; total, 1,858.

- **U.S. soldiers wounded in action:** 13,877 (Aug. 6, 2005)

- **American POWs:**

8 (6 captured on March 23 in Nasiriya; 2 pilots shot down on March 24 near Karbala). All were rescued.

- **Coalition casualties:**

Britain, 932; Italy, 26; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, 3; Thailand, 2; Estonia, 2; The Netherlands, 2; Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan, and Latvia, 1 each (Aug. 16, 2005).

- **U.S. cost of stationing troops in Iraq:**

\$4 billion per month

- **Iraqi civilian deaths:**

circa 21,523–24,415 (May 10, 2005)