

THE RECKONING

Iraq

and the Legacy of

Saddam Hussein

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1998
Return to
Baghdad
and Iraq
Spiritual Poverty
a Political State
Army - only hope
Saddam - regime may
collapse of its own
will

Iran vs. Iraq
Kurds vs Shia vs. Sunni
family of S.H.
Majid vs. Ibrahim
Uday vs. Qusay
Tigris and the Euphrates

The Shiak
The Prophet
Baath Party
Bedouin
The British

lived in ^{Iraq} Iraq, 78' to mid 80's (84)
wrote about Lebanon war
returned to Iran 92'
Iraq in 98'

June 24 Mon. 1p.m.

622 - Muhammad - a camel driver
630 - entered Mecca - restored culture to that of The Bedouin
p44 → It turned pleasure of the flesh and money

Jusid's Iraq. Saddam manufactures plastic images of
Sumar, Assyria and Babelon to promote its own
political repression p55

What's the "real Iraq"

3% is Christian
state smaller than Texas
8 decades as a state

What was the British relationship w Iraq.

Pan Arabism
Arab nationalism

Abraham

Babylon
Mesopotamia

Palestine -
big issue for
arabs.

Nasser - 52' British
out of E.

56
He nationalized
Suez Canal

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1927 created Army

1932 Iraq claimed to be independent

Aug 10, 1937 - Gen Sidqi assassinated

July 17, 1968 Abd al-Rahman Arif - deposed
as president - exiled to London
plan executed by Baath p 196

Mukhabarat -
secret police

Iraq - 1937 -
never in military
I was in Cairo - under Nasser
obsessed with Stalin

Kuuds Talabani's PUK P311 Collusion w Iran
Barzani's KDP " w Saddam

The loyalty of tribes to Saddam

Older son Uday -

emotionally unstable - son of 1st wife
1998 bludgeoned to death father's valet
fled to Geneva

family Majid vs. Ibrahim branches

Qusay - Uday's brother -

Story of Hussein Kamel going to Jordan - P324
return after 7 months - is assassinated

Shi'a - 60% of Iraq pop.
1.5 million Iraqi Shi'a in exile

1978 - oil brings a waterfall to Baghdad
Shackles of Ottoman repression and European colonialism
were dissolving.

Baath - took reins of govt. 1968

Saddam - Pres. 1979

oil boom ended when Saddam invaded Iran '79'

Tikrit -

~~Abd~~ Ahmed Hassan al-Bahr

his cousin is Saddam

b. Apr. 28, 1937 (his now 65)

External pressures on Iraq - p122
 The British
 1948 War with Palestine
 pan Arabism of Nasser and
 The Cold War

Iran vs Iraq
Sunni vs Shiite

An invasion of Iraq -
 "almost a given"

Mesopotamia - Ottomans vs. Persians for control

Wahabis

1922 - Sir Peter Cox and Abdul Aziz (Bedouin) set
 boundaries for Iraq / Saudi Arabia / Kuwait p270
 stayed in place until Saddam invaded K - 1990

Iraq - 26 mile coastlines -

Sadat / Begin Saddam tries to assert power

Shah falls 8 yrs. of Iran/Iraq war - S.H. in debt 70 to 8 mil

Invasion of Kuwait	Aug 2, 1990
Air War	Jan 17, 1991
Ground War	Feb 24, 1991

March 3 - Schwarzkopf
 meets a Saddam

March 7 Hussein goes
 after Shia in
 South

On 42nd day of war advance halted

Because helicopters could fly in
 Iraq after surrender - Hussein
 was able to put down Kurds
 revolt in north. p293

Saddam's butchery
 unfolded in private

Why when 80% of population in north and south
 revolted did S.H. survive?