



## What if Saddam was not Ousted?

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The map of the world would have been changed drastically like as if Hitler were not defeated in WWII. The world witnessed Hitler's atrocities and his ambition first hand and thus nobody sides with this fallen hero today. Saddam was going to be more dangerous than Hitler. Good to the humanity that he has been wiped out quite at the budding stage. Nonetheless, he left behind three cohorts of sympathizers. The most dismayed one had treasured Saddam as the most potential hero after Bin Laden to conquer the world to uphold their fold of belief. The second one could not realize the magnitude of damage to the humanity could be caused by him. The third is the psycho-pathetic group, a remnant of communism ideology, whose psyche still drives them to stand against the west for any reason. Some Democrats could be categorized as an additional group because their constant demand for immediate troop withdrawal from Iraq has been encouraging the insurgents and thus causing the lives of our troops more vulnerable and dangerous. They are doing for the sake of political gains at the cost of our troops and Iraqi forces and civilians. This is too selfish to accept.

Many shameless supporters of Saddam just ignore the very recent history of his mass killing. During the Gulf war, some Saudis fought against Iraq while some Saddam loving Saudis named their new born babies as Saddam. Even at far in India, many Muslims did the same. Such was the degree of love and praise for Saddam, the murderer of millions. More than four thousand villages in the north were completely destroyed. He killed more than 1,000,000 men, women and children of his own country. He wiped out people by smelling traces of disagreements. He executed pilots on imaginations of betrayal. He even killed school teachers for not listening to his TV speech. The list can never be completed. He did everything on his way to contain his power. In case anybody would come to take Iraq, he said in national television, he would completely destroy Iraq before it goes to anybody's hand. Such was his scale of patriotism and love for the country! On his way back from Kuwait invasion, he burnt dozens of Kuwaiti oil fields. Kuwait forgave Saddam because it did not have enough strength to make him pay back for all his evil doings. With Arab as the body of the Baath party and Islam as its spirit, Saddam wiped out more than 132 ancient churches from the face of the earth. Yet Saddam lovers try to raise him up as a secular ruler.

Not knowing his own military strength compared to others, he cherished the idea to hit at least one US aircraft carrier. In November 1990, Saddam had ordered his air force to begin planning for a major aerial assault against Israel. The plan consisted of two massive waves of assaults,

with three types of chemical weapons: the nerve gas Tabun, as well as Sarin 1 and Sarin 2(1). The mission was to deploy ninety eight fighter air-crafts with payloads of toxins over the sky of Syria and Jordan but without telling either of the countries. The plan signed by Saddam had the words across the top in his own handwriting, saying, "I agree to attack, and we shall attack with the blessings of Allah." He did not care for accidental spills of those WMDs over these countries.

To expand his territory and power, Saddam ordered invasion of Kuwait on August 2, 1990. He had planned to attack Saudi Arabia with chemical weapons to destroy everything in the path for a distance of at least two hundred miles. From the borders of Kuwait to the city of Dharan, the army was instructed to wipe Saudi Arabia's industrial zone off the map. He had two Mirage fighters equipped and ready to fly the mission, but both planes were shot down by the Saudi fighters at the start of the war before they could carry out their mission. Once these fronts were fought successfully, probably he would attack Iran again. Had his ambitious attempts were unabated, probably he would go for Syria and Jordan and the rest of the middle east in the beginning. This could create a vast empire with enormous power. Once the world oil wealth in hand, he imagined the rest of the world subdued under him.

That dream never came true to Saddam. USA already had been wounded on its own soil on September 11, 2001. Underestimating its enemy's capability caused lives of almost 3000 innocent civilians. And it's a very heavy toll for America. The United States of America decided not to give a second chance to its enemy.

Even under UN sanction, Saddam was consolidating power by smuggling oil out of Iraq. He started dealings on procuring nuclear weapons and stockpiling WMDs. He had made arrangements with a group of Chinese scientists to produce nuclear arms for him overseas. At least \$5 million changed hands. USA and its allies could not just watch all these to go ahead. The rest of the story is known. The world blamed USA and its allies for not finding the WMDs.

On June 2, 2002, a three-mile long irrigation dam, which had been drawing water from the Orontes River in the northwestern district of Zeyzoun, Syria, collapsed, inundating three villages and destroying scores of homes. Syrian president Bashar al-Asad asked for help from Jordan and Iraq. To Saddam, the disaster in Syria was a gift, and there, posing as shipments of supplies and equipment sent from Iraq to aid the relief effort, were Iraq's WMDs(1). Saddam's only one Boeing 747 jumbo jet and a group of Boeing 727s were quickly configured for the transport of the WMDs in fifty six sorties.

Bashar was made the custodian of the WMDs. With the demise of the dictator, he has turned out to be the owner of the same with no penny spent on it. More so, he got these delivered free. What a great deal! Deaths of ordinary people from the collapse of a dam rewarded Bashar with the WMDs, the UN inspectors were looking for.

In ten years, the gas price has tripled to \$3.00/gallon. With Saddam sitting on the world gas fields, he could make gas as a ration item for the world at \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100 a gallon or at

whatever he wished. The progress made during the last few centuries would have been wiped out or halted for centuries to come. I cannot afford this to happen. I never wanted this dictator become the superpower and with ugly smile he waves his sword up in the air indicating his desire and power to kill the humanity and civilization and to impose his doctrine to all.

I remember the first State of the Union address by President Bush Senior in January 1989, "When the world look onto us, we look into the future." The United States of America and its allies have done the right thing for the world to sustain its civilization and the Iraqi people by wiping out the could-be dictator right in time. It may be difficult for some to realize this now, but history and the future generations of the world will establish the truth with due honor and dignity. God Bless America.

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1. This article is enriched from "Saddam's Secrets" by Georges Sada. 2006. Integrity Publishers.