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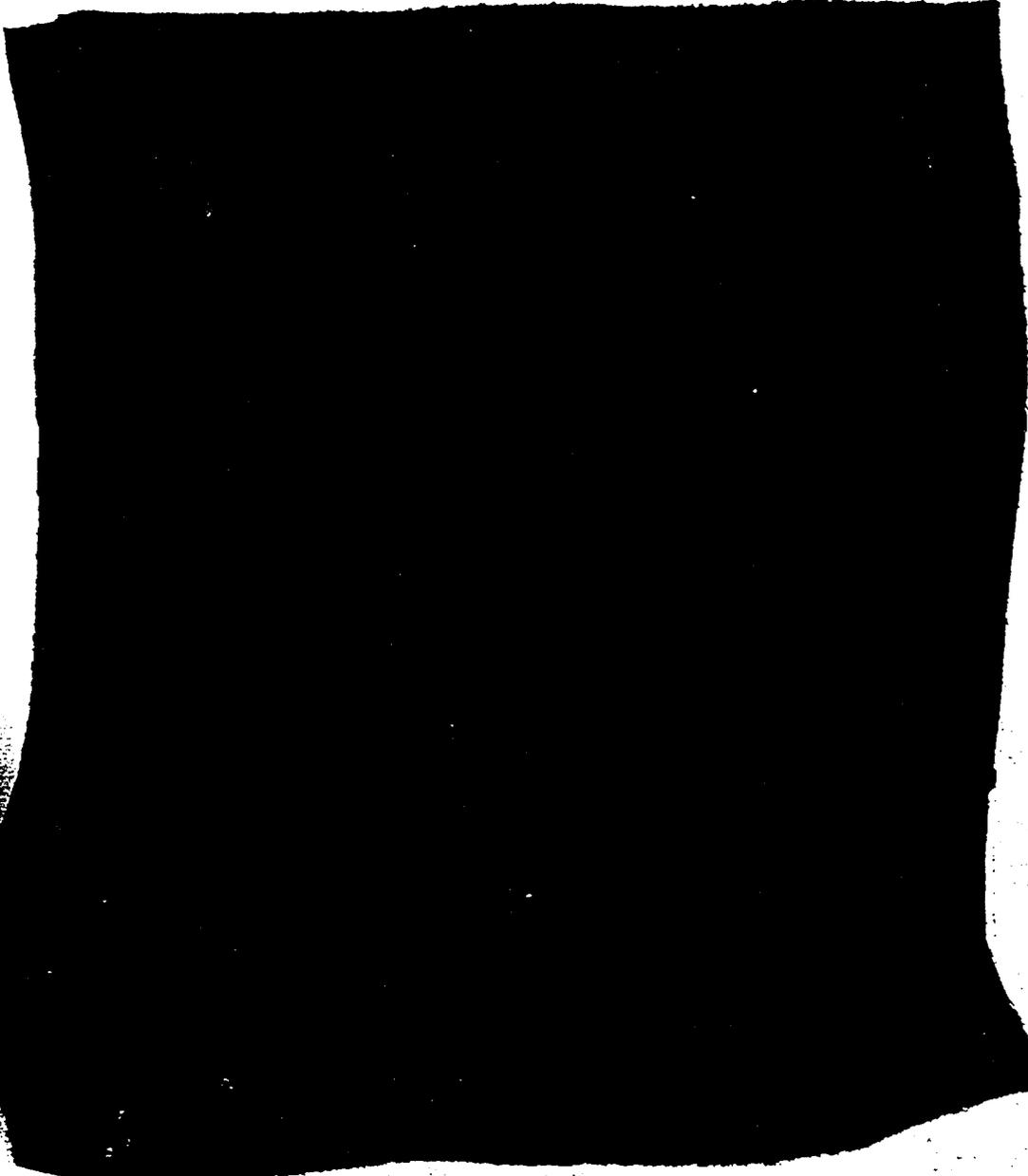
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Saddam Speaks

Saddam's latest statement broadcast at 0600 EST reaffirmed his determination to fight on, labeled the US the aggressor in the current conflict, and repeated threats against Israel and Saudi Arabia. [REDACTED]

Two Terrorist Incidents

A powerful bomb exploded today in an American Airlines office in New Delhi, according to press reports. US interests in Milan also reportedly were the targets of three separate firebombings. Further details were unavailable as of 1230 EST. [REDACTED]

Updates on Official Reactions to Desert Storm

In Europe:

Albania. The Albanian Foreign Ministry called for a ceasefire and the earliest possible withdrawal of Iraqi troops from Kuwait. [REDACTED]

Belgium. Brussels expressed support for the attack, but stressed the need to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict. [REDACTED]

Denmark. Copenhagen regrets the outbreak of war but blames Iraq. The Danes have reiterated their willingness to join in any UN peacekeeping operations. [REDACTED]

European Community. The EC has asked member states to reduce oil consumption by 7 percent-- [REDACTED]

Finland. The government regrets that force has had to be used and urged only the minimum necessary to liberate Kuwait. [REDACTED]

France. Paris has reiterated that French forces will participate in operations against Iraqi forces in Kuwait only. [REDACTED]

Germany. Kohl blamed Iraq for the war, but the leader of the opposition Social Democrats said he will call in the Bundestag for an immediate ceasefire and Iraqi withdrawal. [REDACTED]

Greece. Prime Minister Mitsotakis reiterated Greek support for the UN resolutions and said Greek forces have been put on 75-percent alert status. [REDACTED]

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Italy. The Italian Senate has authorized Italian combat participation in the Gulf under US command.

Netherlands. Dutch forces have been placed under US command in the Gulf.

Norway. Prime Minister Bruntland cautioned that developments elsewhere in the Middle East should be considered once the war is over.

Portugal. Lisbon has publicly supported coalition actions.

Romania. Bucharest called the attack on Iraq "justified."

Spain. The Foreign Minister has said Spain will not send more forces to the Gulf. Prime Minister Gonzalez said a peaceful solution is still possible if Iraq withdraws but underlined the unity of the EC and the international community.

Sweden. Sweden has not explicitly supported the UN-authorized attack on Iraq, but condemned Saddam's occupation of Kuwait and urged him to withdraw.

Switzerland. Bern is dismayed at the outbreak of war but again condemned Iraqi intransigence.

Turkey. Parliament has approved the government's request to permit Turkish and foreign forces to launch attacks on Iraq from Turkish bases. An opposition leader called for Turkey to stay out of the war.

United Kingdom. London is pleased with the progress of operations. The Ministry of Defense has publicly confirmed the RAF lost one Tornado GR-1 aircraft in the Kuwait theater.

Vatican. Pope John Paul expressed his sadness at the outbreak of hostilities in the Gulf, saying "war cannot be an instrument for solving problems between nations" and calling for a quick end to the war.

Elsewhere in the World:

India. The Indian Prime Minister said he hoped the war in the Gulf would be over quickly.

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Indonesia. President Suharto called for the war to end quickly so fresh efforts to solve other Middle Eastern issues such as the Palestinian problem could begin. [REDACTED]

Iran. Iranian President Rafsanjani reaffirmed his country's neutrality and denounced the US-led air strikes on Iraq. Rafsanjani said the US should not be allowed to extend its influence too far in the region and claimed that the American military was killing innocent Muslims. [REDACTED]

Ivory Coast. Military headquarters' officials responded "God Bless America" when informed of Desert Storm by US diplomats. [REDACTED]

Jordan. A government spokesman denounced the "brutal onslaught" against an Arab and Muslim people. [REDACTED]

Malaysia. The Foreign Minister expressed his government's regret over the outbreak of hostilities and urged Iraq to leave Kuwait. [REDACTED]

North Korea. A Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman issued a low-key statement praising the multinational forces for their efforts to restore peace and security. [REDACTED]

Papua-New Guinea. Prime Minister Namaliu expressed his government's support for US actions in the Gulf. [REDACTED]

Philippines. President Aquino addressed the nation at 1400 local time to express her government's "support without reservations" for the US-led campaign against Iraq, according to the US Embassy in Manila. [REDACTED]

PLO. The PLO leadership accused "The US-Israeli-European coalition" of "cowardly aggression" against Iraq and said it should be opposed "on all levels." A PLO spokesman also claimed his movement did not support terrorism. [REDACTED]

Singapore. The Foreign Ministry issued a statement expressing its support for the military actions taken by the multinational force in the Gulf. [REDACTED]

South Africa. Foreign Minister Botha pledged his government's full support for Desert Storm. [REDACTED]

South Korea. The Information Minister stated "we wholeheartedly support the United States-led multinational force." South Korea also decided to support transportation of US-led multinational forces. [REDACTED]



Syria. As of 1200 EST, Damascus has not issued a statement on the Gulf crisis. [REDACTED]

Taiwan. Taipei voiced full support for the US-led military effort and urged Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. [REDACTED]

Thailand. Thai Premier Choonhaven told the US Ambassador that he backed the US-led attacks on Iraq and said the tens of thousands of Thai workers in the Gulf region would help the allied war effort. [REDACTED]

Tunisia. President Ben Ali expressed his country's dismay at the news of the outbreak of war and called upon the Security Council to take actions to end the conflict in accordance with international legitimacy. [REDACTED]

Vietnam. The Vietnamese government urged a swift end to the fighting. [REDACTED]

Yemen. Yemeni radio carried a brief report claiming Israel was participating in the strike on Iraq. [REDACTED]



Public Protests and Violence



Mauritania. Thousands of pro-Iraqi Mauritians staged an angry demonstration today against the US-led attack on Kuwait. [REDACTED]

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Yemen. Tens of thousands of Yemenis took to the streets of Sanaa to denounce the US-led assault. [REDACTED]

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