

## Iraq's Missile Program

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Iraq has the most aggressive missile program in the Arab world. We believe it is driven by a desire to build up a credible ballistic missile deterrent force, and to demonstrate its leadership among Arab nations. Baghdad currently has Soviet Scud B missiles, some of which it has modified to fly to extended ranges.

- o Iraq used one variant--the 600 km range Al Husayn --against Tehran in 1988.
- o Baghdad also has developed another variant, called the Al Abbas, which it claims has a range of 900 km. It may deploy some of these missiles to fixed launch sites near the western Iraqi border.

But modifying the Scud B still leaves Iraq dependent on Moscow for its ballistic missile force. Iraq wants to end its dependence on foreign support--both for operational missiles and related technology. Only by building its own missile, research and development infrastructure of people and facilities can Iraq wean itself of this dependence.

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