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## SHOWDOWN: IRAQ

The long-standing conflict with Iraq has grown to epic proportions throughout the past 2 years. From 1991 until 2003, the US has always had a problem with Iraq and now it's time to deal with the problem once and for all.

The Persian Gulf War of 1991, the US led a coalition of over 30 countries including many Arab nations such as Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and of course Kuwaiti forces. Former President George Bush Sr. agreed to liberate Kuwait, not to rid Iraq of Saddam.

Throughout the past 12 years since the Persian Gulf War, the US and Iraq have been at odds about disarmament. Various painstaking UN inspections have occurred and have undergone difficulties from the Iraqis and from the US and yet no one knows what Iraq has or doesn't have. The US is confident that Iraq has weapons of mass

destruction and is confident that they will find weapons of mass destruction.

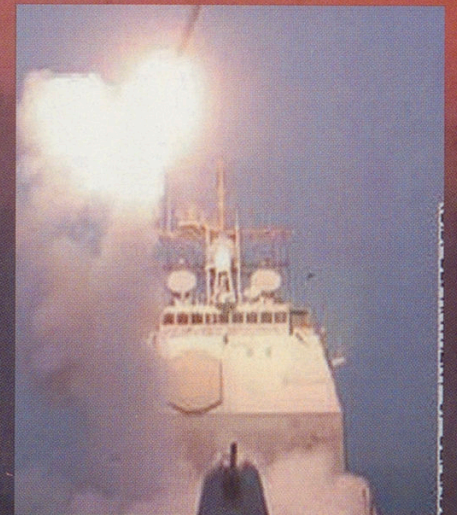
The US economy is in shambles and President George W. Bush believes that a war with Iraq will revitalize the economy. Let us not forget that gasoline prices are pushing \$2.00 in some areas of the country and close to \$2.50 in other parts of the country. The national average for a gallon of regular gasoline is \$1.73. Furthermore, the price tag for this war put forth by the US administration, was \$75 billion dollars. Many believe that this war is unjustified and the world is split over the conflict.

The US gave a 48-hour ultimatum for Saddam Hussein and his sons to leave Iraq to avoid a military confrontation. Saddam refused to leave Iraq and Operation Iraqi Freedom or the second Persian Gulf War has begun.

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French police say 300,000 protesters marched throughout the country (courtesy cnn.com).



Missiles fired from the USS Bunker Hill in the Persian Gulf (Courtesy cnn.com).