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## Hussein's warnings continue Iraqi address cautions U.S. of war harsher than Vietnam

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said in a message to Americans broadcast Tuesday that President Bush was sending Americans to a war more terrible than Vietnam.

In a 75-minute address taped last week, Saddam warned that if Bush were to launch war against Iraq, "it would not be up to him to end it."

Sitting at his desk with an Iraqi flag at his side, Saddam said he was addressing his message to the American people to explain the truth behind Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion and occupation of Kuwait.

The rambling address, peppered with references to Allah and his teachings, repeatedly accused Bush and Kuwait's rulers of plotting to impoverish his country and steal its oil.

"Bush, ladies and gentlemen, is sending your sons to war for no purpose save fatal arrogance," Saddam said.

Saddam spoke in Arabic. His remarks were translated with English

subtitles supplied by Iraqi authorities.

The U.S. decision to deploy troops in Saudi Arabia and the possible war that could ensue would be a repeat of the Vietnam experience for the United States, except "more violent and causing bigger losses," Saddam said.

CNN began airing portions of the tape at 3 p.m., while other networks scheduled excerpts for their evening news shows. None granted Saddam's request that the entire tape be shown.

Saddam accused Bush of lacking faith in God, and of "promoting a form of neo-Nazism" by styling himself as the leader of the free world.

He challenged Bush, again, to an international television debate so that he could tell the world the facts about Iraq's actions and so that the American leader could learn about his intentions.

Iraq detained some Americans

and other foreigners and placed them "as guests in houses of our staff" in order to prevent the United States from launching a war that would be disastrous to all, Saddam said.

U.S. officials say Saddam is holding 93 Americans, some of them key military and financial installations, as "human shields" to ward off attack.

Iraq desires peace, but one based on a broad resolution of all the region's problems, Saddam said. He repeated his call for a peace conference that would resolve Israel's 14-year occupation of Arab lands, Syria's 14-year occupation of Lebanon and Iraq's claims to Kuwait.

Kuwait, he said, was part of Iraq under the Ottoman Empire until the British took control of the country in 1899. He called for "the return of Kuwait to the fold of Iraq, its motherland from which it was long exiled, and usurped."

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## Increased gasoline prices predicted as oil tops \$40

NEW YORK (AP) — As crude oil approaches \$40 per barrel, some analysts say consumers should enjoy \$1.35 a gallon gasoline while they can.

Gas prices are likely to go up, perhaps even beyond \$2 per gallon, if a shooting war breaks out in the Persian Gulf, experts said Tuesday. And if oil should stay high for a sustained period, the fallout will be widespread, running up the cost of practically everything while slowing economic growth.

"This is not good news for the consumer," said Peter Beutel, an oil analyst with Pegasus Econometric Group Inc. in Hoboken, N.J. "The problem with energy is it permeates the economy like a ripple in a pond. It's not just the price of heating oil and the price of gasoline."

Not all analysts believe oil will stay as high as it is, saying too much war hysteria may have been built into the market. They say Iraq's ability to take out Saudi Arabian oil facilities may be overestimated, and replacing a bombed oil well is much simpler than replacing a bombed factory.

Others, including Beutel, say 40 barrels of oil seem inevitable in the near future. Some estimates have put oil at \$60 to \$65 during a war.

Oil prices have climbed steadily

since Iraq invaded Kuwait last month. Saddam Hussein's saber-rattling this week put them less than \$1 away from the ominous \$40 figure. Crude last reached that plateau a decade ago, in the last oil crisis.

"What it means, I'm afraid, in solid terms, is the consumer is probably going to be lucky to find \$1.35 gasoline, and probably a lot more. We are going to find \$1.60 to \$1.80 gasoline," Beutel said. "We're probably going to see the average consumer pay 50 percent more for heating oil than he did last year."

Stanley Feldman, a finance professor at Bentley College in Boston, does not predict sustained oil prices at \$40. But consumers would be hard hit if it happens.

"At \$40-a-barrel oil, you're probably looking at somewhere close to \$1.90 for regular gasoline, maybe \$2," Feldman said.

Gasoline and heating oil are commonly watched when crude starts getting more expensive. But America is so dependent on oil that the price of many other items would also be affected.

Air fares, for instance, have increased to accommodate higher fuel, while drugs and foods would also be affected. They depend on oil for their production, transportation and refrigeration.

## U.N. orders halt to Iraqi air traffic

**Associated Press**

The U.N. Security Council on Tuesday voted 14-1 to impose an air embargo against Iraq in retaliation for its invasion and annexation of Kuwait.

It was the ninth resolution passed by the Security Council condemning Baghdad and its leader, Saddam Hussein, for its blitzkrieg of Kuwait.

Resolution 670 calls on all member states of the United Nations to deny landing rights to airplanes coming from Iraq or Kuwait.

Only flights authorized by the Security Council's sanctions committee will be allowed to go to Iraq and Kuwait, and then only

after they have been inspected to confirm they are carrying humanitarian cargo — food or medical supplies.

It also calls on all U.N. member nations to "detain any ships of Iraqi registry which enter their ports and which are being or have been used in violation of Resolution 661," the council's original trade embargo resolution.

Cuba, which has said it is against any sanctions, cast the lone dissenting vote in the special session, which extended the powers of an earlier U.N. trade embargo.

The lightning Kuwaiti takeover left Iraq in control of 20 percent of the world's oil reserves.

World prices of oil have nearly doubled since the invasion to almost \$40 a barrel.

## Drug task force bill stalls with debate over funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House threw the fate of 49 drug-fighting task forces in Texas back into limbo Tuesday.

A dispute grew over the way the 1990 crime bill funds the task forces. The measure calls for direct distribution, instead of state administration, of federal money to local agencies.

But House members disagreed with the rule for debating the bill and sent it back to the Rules Committee for another try.

The Rules Committee late Monday decided to allow debate on an amendment by Rep. Albert Bustamante, D-San Antonio, that would save the interagency task forces.

There was no word late Tuesday afternoon from the committee whether it would reconsider the crime bill.

If the measure never reaches the floor, funds would continue to be administered through the states they have been for four years, said Mark Schnabel, who monitors drug enforcement legislation for the state of Texas.

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