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LAST DAYS!

Saudi Arabia restricts U.S., U.K. from placing troops in its territory

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Saudi Arabia will not allow its territory to be used to attack Iraq, a senior Saudi official said Sunday, complicating U.S. efforts to get full cooperation from all countries in the region.

Even U.N. Security Council approval of an attack would not change the Saudi position, the Saudi official told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"Saudi Arabia will not allow any strikes against Iraq, under any circumstances, from its soil or bases in Saudi Arabia, due to the sensitivity of the issue in the Arab and Muslim world," the official said.

Reticence on the part of Saudi Arabia — America's closest ally in the Persian Gulf — indicates just how hard it may be for Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to muster support for a military strike.

The United States has plenty of fighter jets and troops afloat in the Persian Gulf, but it relied heavily on Saudi and Turkish bases during the 1991 Gulf War.

These days, Turkey, too, is reluctant to allow itself to be used as a launching pad. Ankara announced Sunday it would send Foreign Minister Ismail Cem to Baghdad to help negotiate a diplomatic end to the standoff between the United Nations and Iraq over U.N. weapons inspections.

Iraq has been sparring with U.N. inspectors and the United States over access to suspected weapons sites, and U.S. calls for military strikes have been getting louder in recent weeks.

Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said Sunday he has received commitments from two countries to publicly support the United States should it decide to attack Iraq.

"The United States will not be alone," Richardson said during a world forum in Davos, Switzerland. He refused to identify the countries.

The U.N. inspectors must certify Iraq has destroyed all of its weapons of mass destruction before the U.N. Security Council will lift tough economic sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded neighboring Kuwait in 1990, prompting the Gulf War.

The Security Council insists on unfettered access for its inspectors; Iraq contends access to some sites, including presidential palaces, would violate its sovereignty.

Albright was to begin explaining the U.S. position Sunday night with talks with the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed al-Sabah. She was to consult Monday with leaders of Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, then fly Tuesday to Egypt.

The United States has more than 4,000 troops and dozens of warplanes at bases in Saudi Arabia. Saudis,

however, have been increasingly tense about their close ties with Washington since the 1996 bombing of a U.S. military barracks in Saudi Arabia.

Nineteen American servicemen died in the 1996 bombing, blamed on Muslim extremists.

U.S. bases in Saudi Arabia and Turkey were tensely during the Gulf War, when an American coalition drove Iraq out of Kuwait.

But the last U.S. missile strike against Iraq in 1996 attack to punish President Saddam Hussein sending troops into a Kurdish "safe haven" in northern Iraq — was launched from U.S. bases in Saudi Arabia.

Today, the United States has more troops aboard two aircraft carriers, the USS *Washington* and the USS *Nimitz*, and ships in the gulf. About half of the 342 U.S. warships in the gulf also are sea-based.

To many in the Arab world, a military strike against Iraq seems pointless, given that Iraqi citizens are struggling from the seven years of economic sanctions.

There also is distrust of Washington's support for Israel.

"All Arabs, with one voice, should say 'enough,'" the *Al-Itihad* daily in the United Arab Emirates said. "If Saddam abused international law, Israel has done it 100 times."

Others say an attack on Iraq may divert attention from the sex scandal surrounding President Clinton.

"If Clinton's administration is suffering because of his involvement in a sex scandal, Iraqis suffering under seven years of U.N. sanctions should not have to pay," the *Bayan* daily said.

There were several calls Sunday from the Islamic world for a resolution to the latest stand-off.

Iranian President Mohammad Khatami said Sunday the 55-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference should resolve Iraq's dispute with the United States, state-run Iranian radio reported.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said Sunday that other Arab countries were seeking a peaceful solution. "I am not optimistic, but I was hopeful," he said.

Qatar's *Al-Rayah* daily called for an end to Albright's visits to gulf capitals, saying she had heard of in the conservative region.

Russia, too, is working toward a negotiated solution, sending envoy Viktor Posuvalyuk to Baghdad for his second attempt at a negotiating a settlement in less than a week.

France said Sunday it will send a force of 15,000 troops to Baghdad within 48 hours to "warn Iraq" of the consequences of not complying with U.N. weapons inspections.



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• Men's/Women's Lacrosse	Feb. 7	8:30am-6pm	Zachary
• Pistol	Feb. 7	1BA	Read
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