

OPENING MOVES

Army and Marine forces streamed by the thousands over the Iraqi border in a drive toward Baghdad. Special operations forces moved against key military targets and sites suspected of holding chemical or biological weapons. And satellite-guided cruise missiles and smart bombs rained down on hundreds of targets across Iraq.

H2 and H3 air bases in Iraq's western desert were seized by U.S. forces. U.S. officials suspected that H3 may hold chemical and biological weapons as well as banned Scud missiles capable of reaching Israel.

Airstrikes targeted leadership, command and control and military forces in Baghdad and environs, as well as around Tikrit, Mosul and Kirkuk. The U.S. also struck an enclave in northeastern Iraq under the control of the radical Islamist terror group Ansar al-Islam.

The 3rd Infantry Div. spearheaded the Army's advance toward Baghdad, followed by elements of the 101st Airborne Div. The Marines, after taking control of the southern oil fields with British forces, advanced north from Basra to the east of the Euphrates River.

IRAQI FORCES AND FACILITIES

- Republican Guard division
- Republican Guard tank division
- Infantry division
- Oil refineries
- Oil pipelines
- Area of Kurdish population
- Infantry tank division
- Major Army bases
- Major air bases
- Oil fields
- Kurdish autonomous region

Note: Military positions as of March 22, 2003

DOWNTOWN BAGHDAD



SOUTHEAST IRAQ



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