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Saddam Hussein and his ruling party in Iraq were Sunni. But there were many Shiite residents in southern Iraq. Shiites were the majority in Iraq. There were also many Shiites in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. In Bahrain more than 80% of the population were Shiites. Iranian supreme leader Ayatollah Khomeini allured these Shiite residents in Gulf countries to resist against their rulers. Rulers in Gulf countries had a sense of imminent crisis. It was the reason why six Gulf States formed the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in 1981 (Hijri 1402). They feared that the Shiites might overthrow the monarchy regime. Saddam Hussein commingled the Iran-Iraq War with Islam sectarian conflict. He involved the Gulf oil-producing countries into war. GCC countries have fallen into Hussein's trap.

In December 1979, USSR invaded Afghanistan and the Afghan War broke out. It was the same year with Iran-Iraq War. Iran-Iraq War and Afghan War were continued during 1980s across the 14th and 15th century of Hijri.

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