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## **The Peace on The Horizon - 75 Years after The World War 2 in the Middle East (128)**

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In January 1991, the multinational forces bombed the Iraqi military base and capital Baghdad by guided missile. The missiles headed towards the target were telecasted. People all over the world watched TV as if they were playing video games. It is the beginning of the Gulf War. In February the allied forces advanced Kuwait and defeated Iraq forces overwhelmingly. The Iraqi army collapsed and withdrew to Iraq. After 100 hours of march, multinational forces stopped fighting and declared a ceasefire.

At that time the multinational allied forces had marched short of capital Baghdad. They might defeat the Hussein regime with just one punch. President George H.W. Bush, a religious Christian and pretending himself as a crusader, have strongly hoped to overthrow a pagan dictator Hussein. However, the United Nations resolution covered only to liberate Kuwait. The UN solution did not cover to overthrow the Hussein regime of Iraq. Iraq's internal affairs should be up to Iraqi people. Noninterference of internal affairs was the prime rule in international society.

Gulf War ceased fire on 28 February 1991. Hussein luckily survived the Gulf War and reigned as a dictator of Iraq for more than 10 years after the war. The long-cherished wish of President G.W.H.

Bush to overthrow Hussein regime was realized by his son, President George W. Bush after 12 years. It was Iraq War in 2003.

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