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Iraq turned the entire world to enemy by invasion into Kuwait. But strictly speaking, at the Arab summit held immediately after the invasion, several countries including Jordan supported Iraq. President Saddam Hussein used so-called linkage theory and justified his policy, saying that it was contradictory to condemn the consolidation of Iraq while accepting the Israeli invasion of Palestine. Hussain's logic attracted the sympathy of Arab countries like Jordan. In addition, Jordan, a poor and small country, had been supplied oil from Iraq at a lower price than international market. Jordan could not resist to Iraq.

Cunning President Hussein launched a missile attack on Israel 18 times. He explained his people that it was a retaliation against Israeli bombing Iraq's Osirak nuclear power plant taking advantage the confusion during the Iran-Iraq war. It was his intention to allure Israel into the war. Israel who did not hesitate first strike for self-defense could not silent on Iraqi missile attack. Israeli public opinion was focused into a war against Iraq.

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