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That was just as Hussein expected. Once Israel participated in the war, the scheme of the past four Middle East wars would be reproduced, and Iraq's unilateral invasion to Kuwait would be transformed into an Arab-Islam versus Jewish war. In Iraq War Saudi Arabia accepted the ground operation by multinational forces mainly composed by Western Christian countries such as the United States. Therefore, Saudi Arabia was faced in criticism by Islamic religious groups both domestically and abroad. Gulf monarchy countries including Saudi Arabia might be in a bitter situation if Israel had participated in the war.

The US persuaded Israel hard and made Israel to abandon the counterattack. If Israel participated in war (although the word "if" is prohibited in history), Hussein regime would definitely have collapsed because it was Israel's strategy not to stop fighting until the enemy's breathtaking stopped. As a result, the Middle East would be in a great chaos undoubtedly. However, the United States at that time had to keep Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab oil-producing countries in its ally. The US wanted to avoid turning Arab countries to enemy in addition to Iran.

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