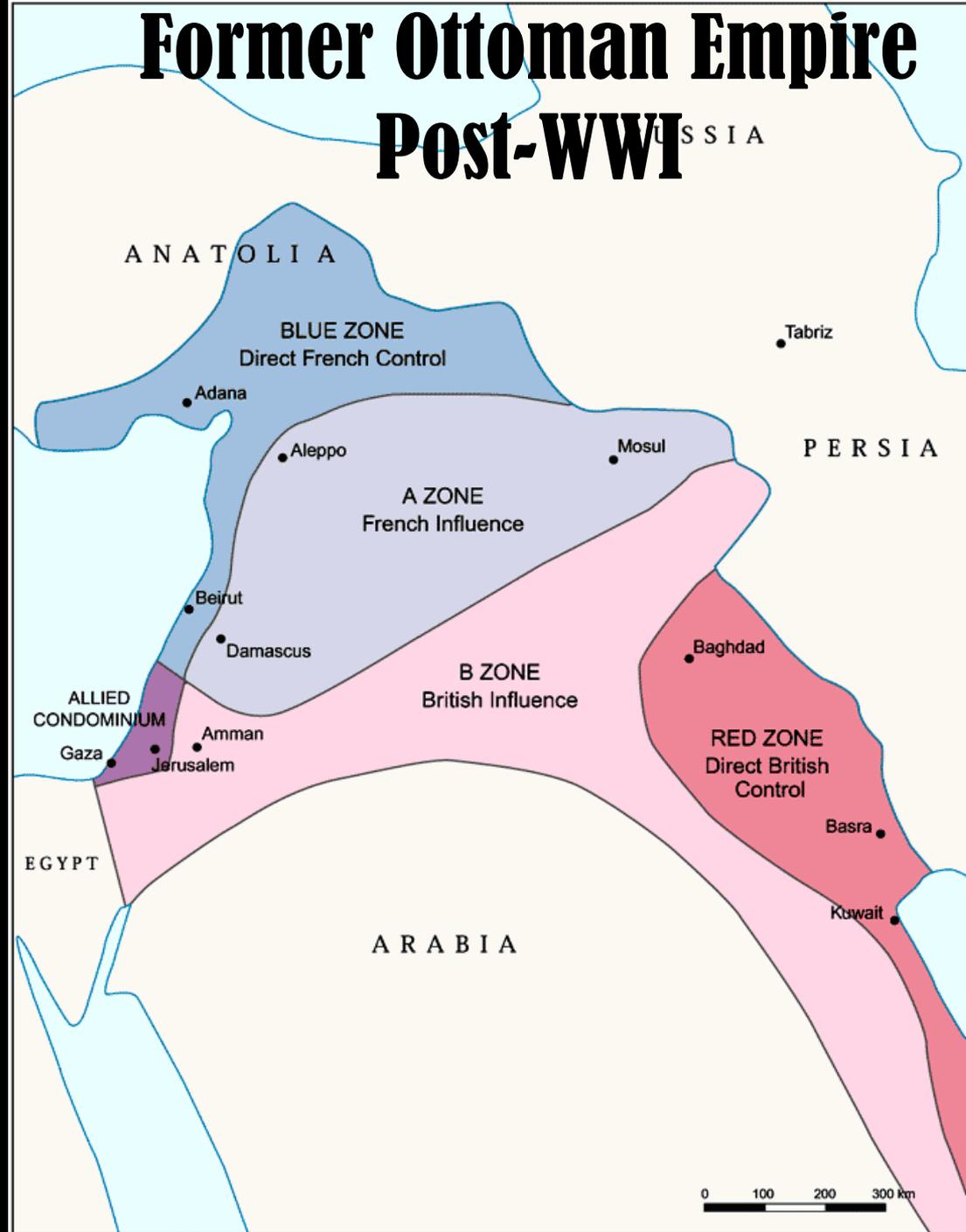
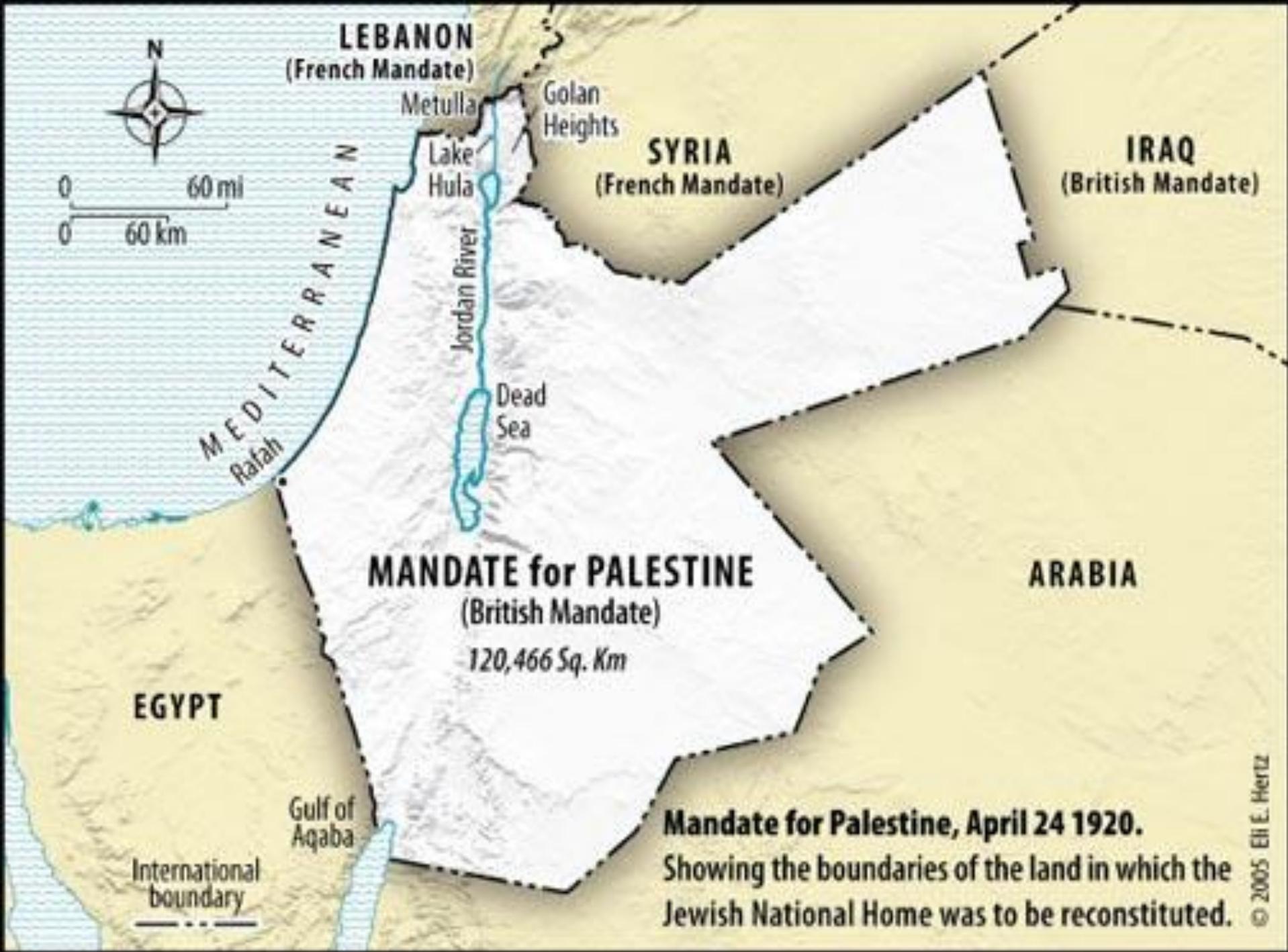


Overview of Middle East

- **1918—Ottoman Empire divided b/w Allies**
 - protectorates & mandates
 - **Turkey** = most committed to **Westernization & secularization**
 - Joined NATO, into European markets
- **key source of petroleum:**
 - **2/3 world's oil**
 - **OPEC** (Org. of Petroleum Exporting Countries)—founded in 1960
 - Yet still much poverty & inequalities
- **Conflicts b/w desire to modernize & desire to preserve Islamic traditions**
 - **Islamic fundamentalism**
- **Authoritarianism**—dictatorship & human rights abuses

Former Ottoman Empire Post-WWI





Egypt

- **1906—Britain was de-facto ruler of Egypt**
- **1930—Won independence from British**
 - **British still maintained presence in Suez Canal**
- **1948—Arab-Israeli War—Egypt defeated** (fought w/ Arab coalition against Israel) **the Egyptian military revolted**
- **1952—King Farouk overthrown**
- **1954—Gamal Abdul Nasser became ruler of indep. Egypt**

Egypt

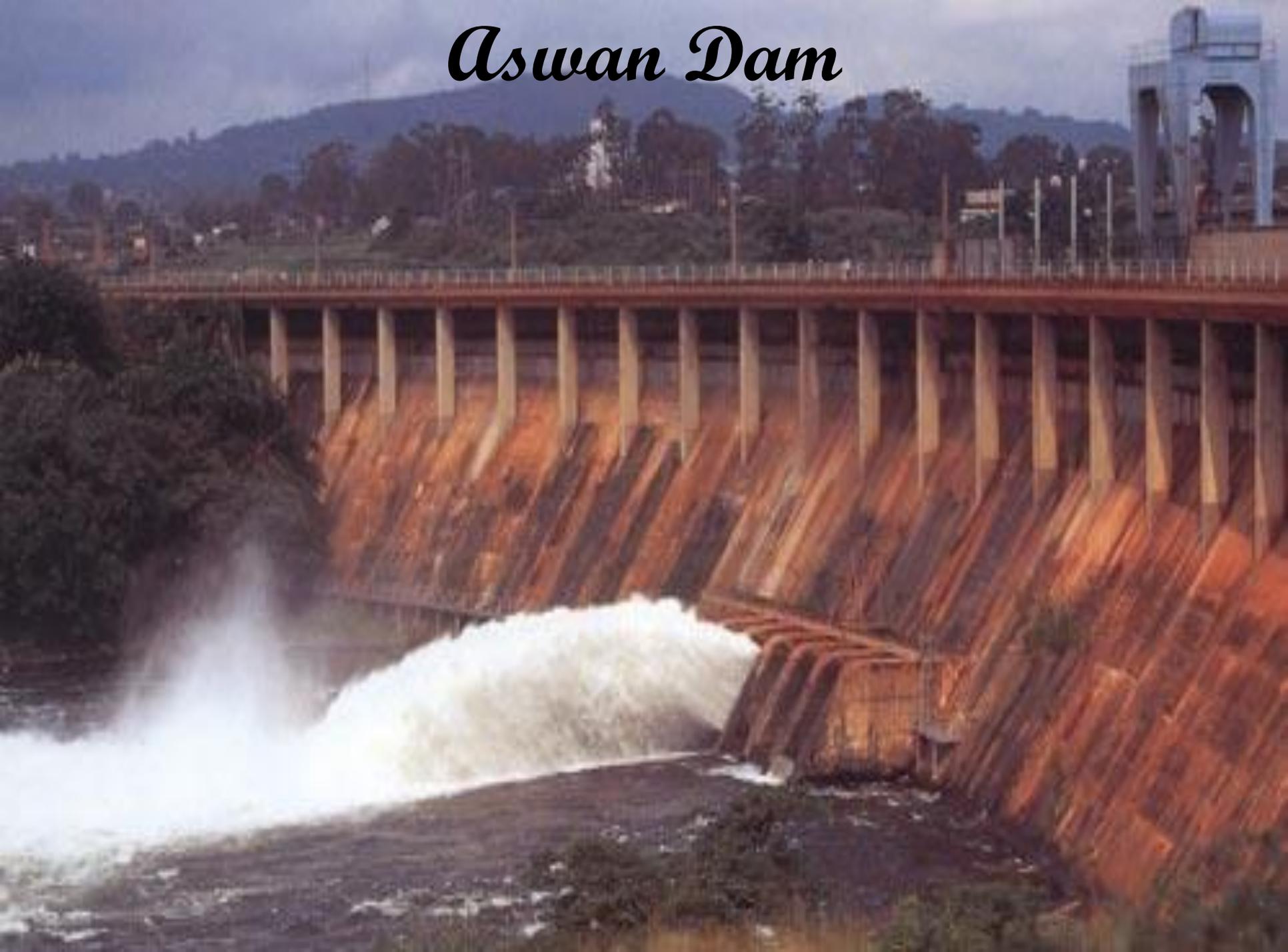
- **1956—Suez Canal Crisis—Nasser (backed by U.S. & USSR) ended infl. of British & French in Suez Canal zone**
 - **Israel** actually briefly **took canal w/ air support of British & French**
 - **U.S. & USSR** pressured Israel to **withdrawal**
- **Nasser attempted to improve agricult. production through construction of Aswan Dam (cornerstone of Egyptian development after 1952)**
 - **Provided additional farmland, but also interfered w/ normal flood patterns of Nile & deprived land of fertile silt**
 - **Parasites that caused blindness increased**
 - **Increased deposits of salt found in soil**
- **Muslim Brotherhood—Egypt is home**
 - **Mother of Al-Queida, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad**
 - **Ideology of Aryan supremacy replaced by Pan-Arabism**



"Allah is our objective. The Prophet is our leader. Qur'an is our law. Jihad is our way. Dying in the way of Allah is our highest hope."

—Muslim Brotherhood

Aswan Dam



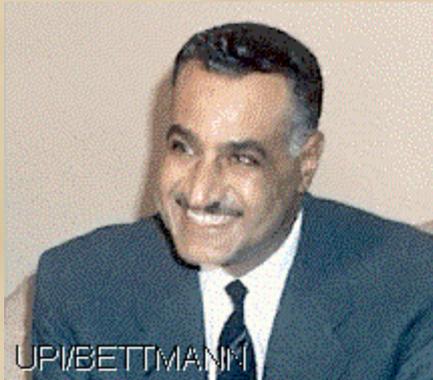
Egypt and Israel

- **1967—Six-Day War**—Egypt defeated by Israel
 - Israel gains **Gaza Strip, Sinai Pen., West Bank, & Golan Heights**
- **1973 War—Yom Kippur War**—Arabs attack Israel
 - **Anwar Sadat**, Nasser's successor, **ended hostilities w/ Israel** (non-decisive war)
- **Sadat accepted aid from U.S. & Western Europe**
- **1979—Camp David Accords—Sadat recognizes Israel as a state**
 - He is assassinated in 1981 b/c of this
- **Sadat assassinated by Muslim fundamentalist (1981)**
- **Mubarak is new president (1981-2011)**
 - took aid from U.S. & Europe
 - Moving more toward democracy???
- **2011—Egyptian Revolution (Jan. 25-Feb. 2011)**
 - series of demonstrations, marches, acts of civil disobedience, & labor strike
 - **Results:**
 - Mubarak resigned from office
 - Military controlling the Egyptian gov. & promises a civilian gov.



“We are eager for battle in order to force the enemy to awake from his dreams, and meet his Arab reality face to face.”

Nasser—before the Six Days War





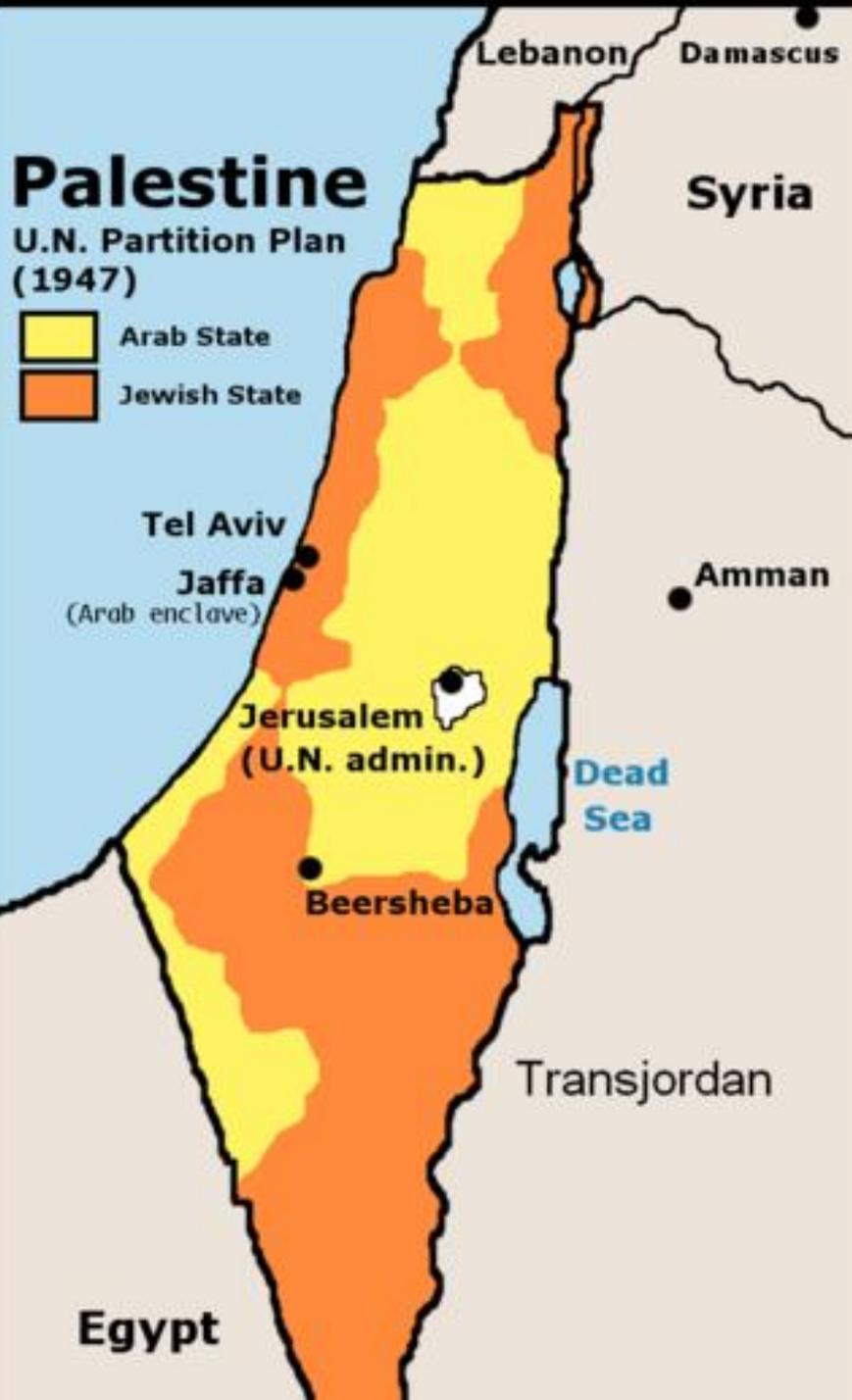
Demonstrators in Cairo's Tahrir Square on 8 February 2011



Palestine

- **After WWI, Ottoman Empire divided into mandates**
 - Palestine was a British mandate
- **Holocaust strengthened international support for Jewish homeland**
 - During WWII—Jewish immigration to Palestine increased
- **Zionism—Jewish movement to regain homeland**
- **Arabs violently resisted Jewish immigration so British placed restriction on immigrants**
- **May 14, 1948—U.N. partitioned Palestine into Jewish & Arab nations—indep. Israel**





מעלית שבת
פיקוד אוטומטי
עצירה בכל קומה
SHABBAT ELEVATOR
STOPS ON
EVERY FLOOR



Jewish Exodus 1947





Arab-Israeli Conflicts

- **Wars broke out as Arabs protested partition**
- **Jewish victory resulted in expansion of Jewish state**
 - **Hundreds of thousands of Palestinian Arabs sent into exile**
- **1948-49—Arab-Israeli War**
 - **Israel is invaded by troops from Egypt, Syria, Transjordan, Lebanon, & Iraq**
 - **“War of Independence” for Israelis**
 - **“The Catastrophe” for Palestinians**
 - **Hundreds of thousands of Palestinian refugees**
- **Six Days War—1967**
 - **B/w Israel and: Egypt, Syria, Jordan**
 - **Israel won: Gaza Strip, West Bank, East Jerusalem, Golan Heights, & Sinai Peninsula**





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קשישים בדרך

מחלקת תחבורה
ממשלת ישראל

Border between Israel and Jordan











**Shell Holes from the
1967 War at the Zion Gate**

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100% COTTON

T-SHIRTS

ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES
INTELLIGENCE



MY JOB IS SO
SECRET
I DONT EVEN
KNOW
WHAT I'M DOING







What should the United States' role the Middle East be today?

He felt the Arabs had the right "to settle the question of Jewish elements in Palestine and other Arab countries in accordance with the national and racial interests of the Arabs and along the lines similar to those used to solve the Jewish question in Germany and Italy."

Grand Mufti (highest religious official in Sunni country) of Jerusalem, 1940



The Palestinian Authority complains to the Bush administration about Sharon's latest air raid on Khan Yunis. The US official: "The ceasefire does not include the cease to assassinations."

Middle East Issues

- **Repeated negotiations to bring peace**
 - **Continue to fail**
 - **No settlement over the Palestinian refugees**
- **New governments based on civil rights are under construction in Iraq & Afghanistan**

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NOW I WANT
YOU TWO TO
SHAKE HANDS
AND BE FRIENDS !



“[I] dream of hanging a huge map of the world on the wall at my Gaza home which does not show Israel on it...I hope that our dream to have our independent state on all historic Palestine (including Israel). This dream will become real one day. I'm certain of this because there is no place for the state of Israel on this land.”

He also "didn't rule out the possibility of having Jews, Muslims and Christians living under the sovereignty of an Islamic state, adding that “the Palestinians never hated the Jews and that only the Israeli occupation was their enemy.”

Dr. Al-Zahar, leader of Hamas (Palestinian organization, many nations consider it terrorist)

Afghanistan

- **Dec. 1979-1989 Soviets invaded Afghanistan to bring the communists back to power**
- **1996—Taliban—army of religious students—took Kabul & executed leader**
 - **Islamic State of Afghanistan created**
- **Sept. 11, 2001—Al-Qaeda attacks U.S.**
- **“Operation Enduring Freedom”—War in Afghanistan**
 - **Afghanistan used as a base for terrorist operations**
 - **2003 U.S. toppled the regime (Taliban) accused of harboring terrorists of Al-Qaeda**
 - **Most of the senior Taliban leadership fled to neighboring Pakistan**
 - **2007—Taliban's increasing presence in Afghanistan**
 - **U.S. began putting more troops in Afghanistan**
 - **Afghanistan & Pakistan relations have deteriorated**
 - **Most of the Taliban come from Pakistan & Osama bin Laden is thought to be hiding in Pakistan (he was!—Killed May 2, 2011; founder of Al-Qaeda)**

September 11, 2001



Taliban vs. Al-Qaeda

Taliban

- **Founder: Mullah Mohammed Omar**
- **Sharia Law w/ tribal code**
- **Controlled Afghanistan from 1996-2001**
- **Afghan group (also in Pakistan)**

Allies with one another

Al-Qaeda

- **Founder: Osama bin Laden**
- **Sunni Muslims**
- **Wants to establish Islamic rule & gov. replaced by Islamic leaders**
- **No boundaries—world wide**



Someewhere in Afghanistan (from Jeff Irwing)



Three Cups of Tea

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNxk3rOq4MQ>

Jeff Irwing on Humanitarian Mission



Kite Runner

A Thousand Splendid Suns

To escape the post-9/11 U.S.-led war in Afghanistan, al-Qaeda's central leadership fled eastward into Pakistan, securing a safe haven in loosely governed areas there.

In July 2007, U.S. intelligence agencies found that the organization was regrouping and regaining strength in these tribal areas along the border with Afghanistan.

Jayshree Bajoria, Council on Foreign Relations

U.S. army in Afghanistan



U.S. army searches a building used to store hay during a cordon and search in Barla, Afghanistan, Sept. 6, 2007





Inside: Joe Klein on the challenge in Pakistan

TIME



What Happens if We Leave Afghanistan

BY ARYAN BAKER

Aisha, 18, had her nose and ears cut off last year on orders from the Taliban because she fled abusive in-laws.

The Taliban pounded on the door just before midnight, demanding that Aisha, 18, be punished for running away from her husband's house. Her in-laws treated her like a slave, Aisha pleaded. They beat her. If she hadn't run away, she would have died. Her judge, a local Taliban commander, was unmoved. Aisha's brother-in-law held her down while her husband pulled out a knife. First he sliced off her ears. Then he started on her nose. (this occurred in 2009)

Afghan girl attending school. With resurgence of Taliban, education for girls has been compromised. Many have been killed, burned, or threatened for attending school.









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Israel Growth Map

MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVE



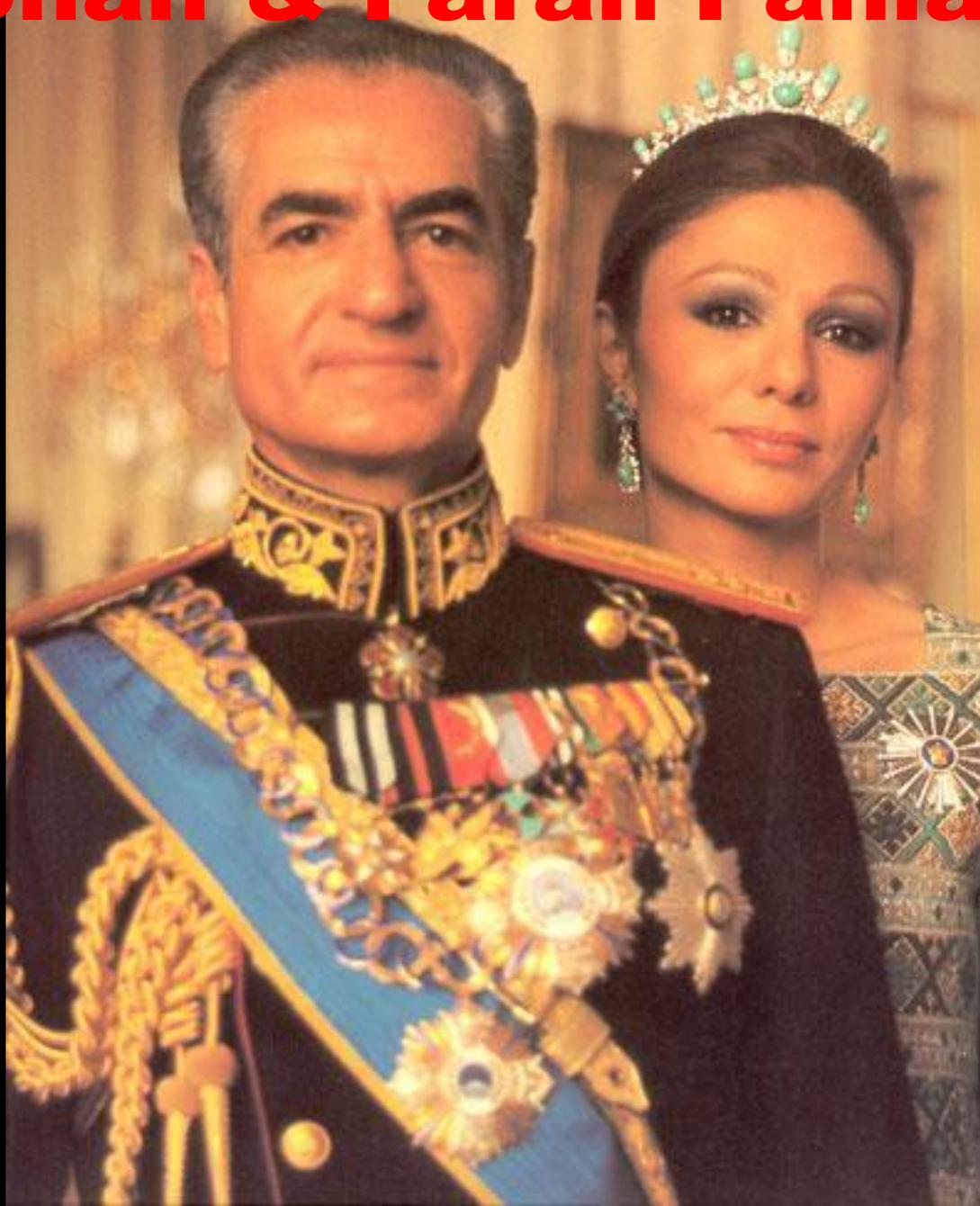
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Iran (Shi'a)—A.K.A. Persia

- **Had not been formally colonized by Europeans during Imperialism (spheres of influence)**
- **1950s-70s—Shahs had embraced Western culture & oil companies (had U.S. support)**
 - **Opposed Islamic traditionalism (encouraged Western dress, ed.)**
 - **Used repression to modernize (anti-democratic)**
- **Revolution of 1979:**
 - **1979—Islamic fundamentalists overthrew Iranian gov. of Reza Shah Pahlavi**
 - **U.S. backed Pahlavi**
- **Iran's *ayatollahs*, religious leaders, opposed the shah's lack of concern for strict Islamic observances**
- **Iran suffering from fall in oil prices prior to 1979 revolution**

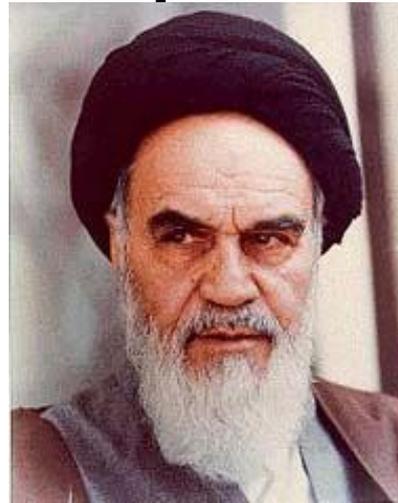


Shah & Farah Pahlavi



Iran—Con't.

- **Ayatollah Khomeini**, new Iranian ruler, rejected Western culture as satanic
 - Strict Islamic law; veiling of women
- **Iran Hostage Crisis—1979-81**
 - Iranian militants held hostage 63 diplomats & 3 other citizens for 444 days (at U.S. Embassy)
 - U.S. attempted a rescue mission, but lost 8 soldiers in the mission
- **1980—Saddam Hussein** (Iraq—Sunni) took advantage of weakness by **annexing oil-rich western provinces**
- **Iran-Iraq War resulted (1980-88)**
 - 1988—peace came w/ UN ceasefire, but Iran was devastated economically
 - **West backed Saddam** to help stop the spread of fundamentalist Islam
- **Theocracy still in place today**



**Khomeini
Ayatollah**



called the U.S. “the great Satan”

the “enemy of Islam”

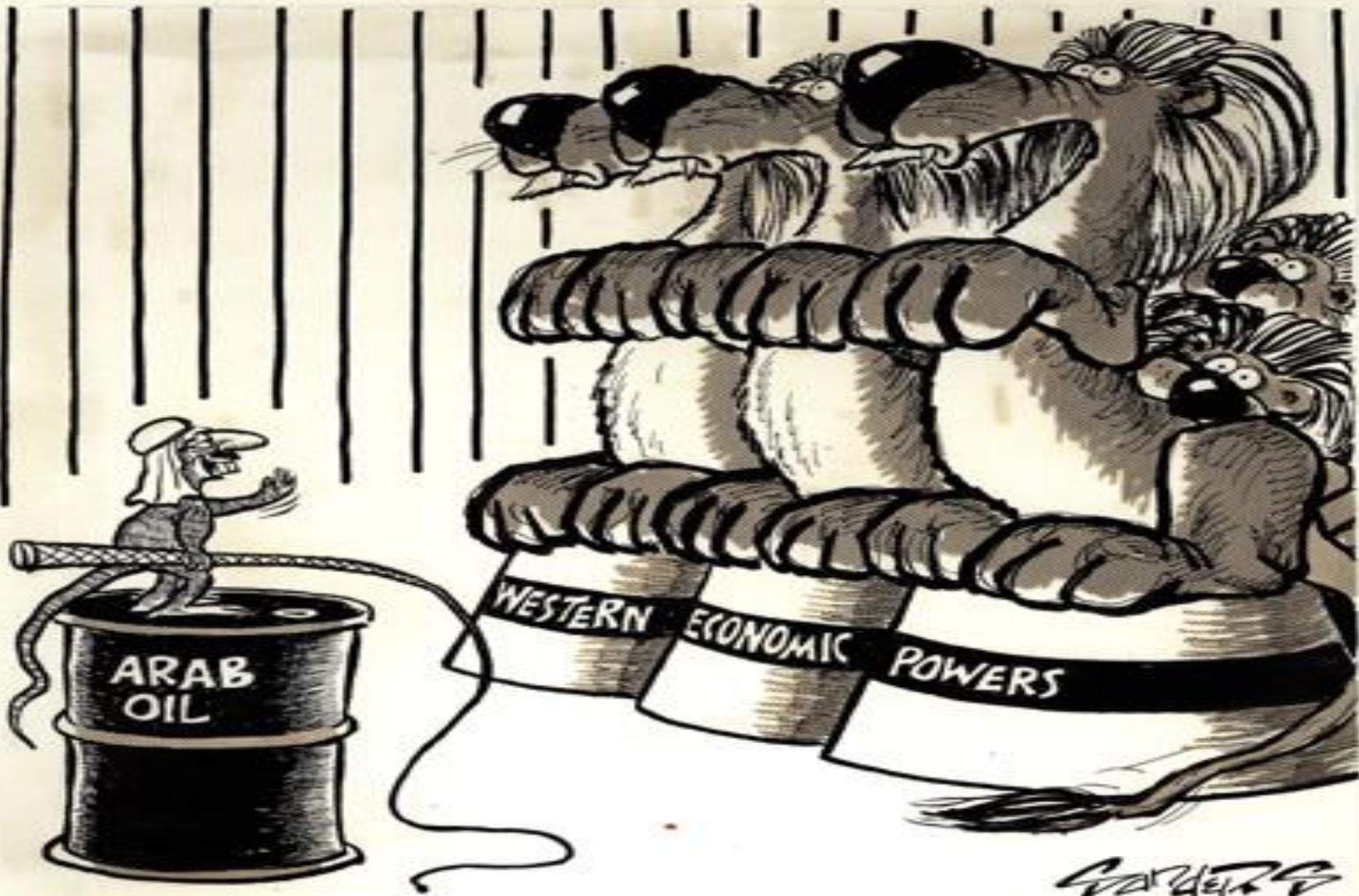
Khomeini

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

- **Said Holocaust was myth**
- **Israel should be “wiped off the map”**
- **Wants free elections in Palestine**
- **Critic of U.S.**
- **Creating nuclear weapons for protection**







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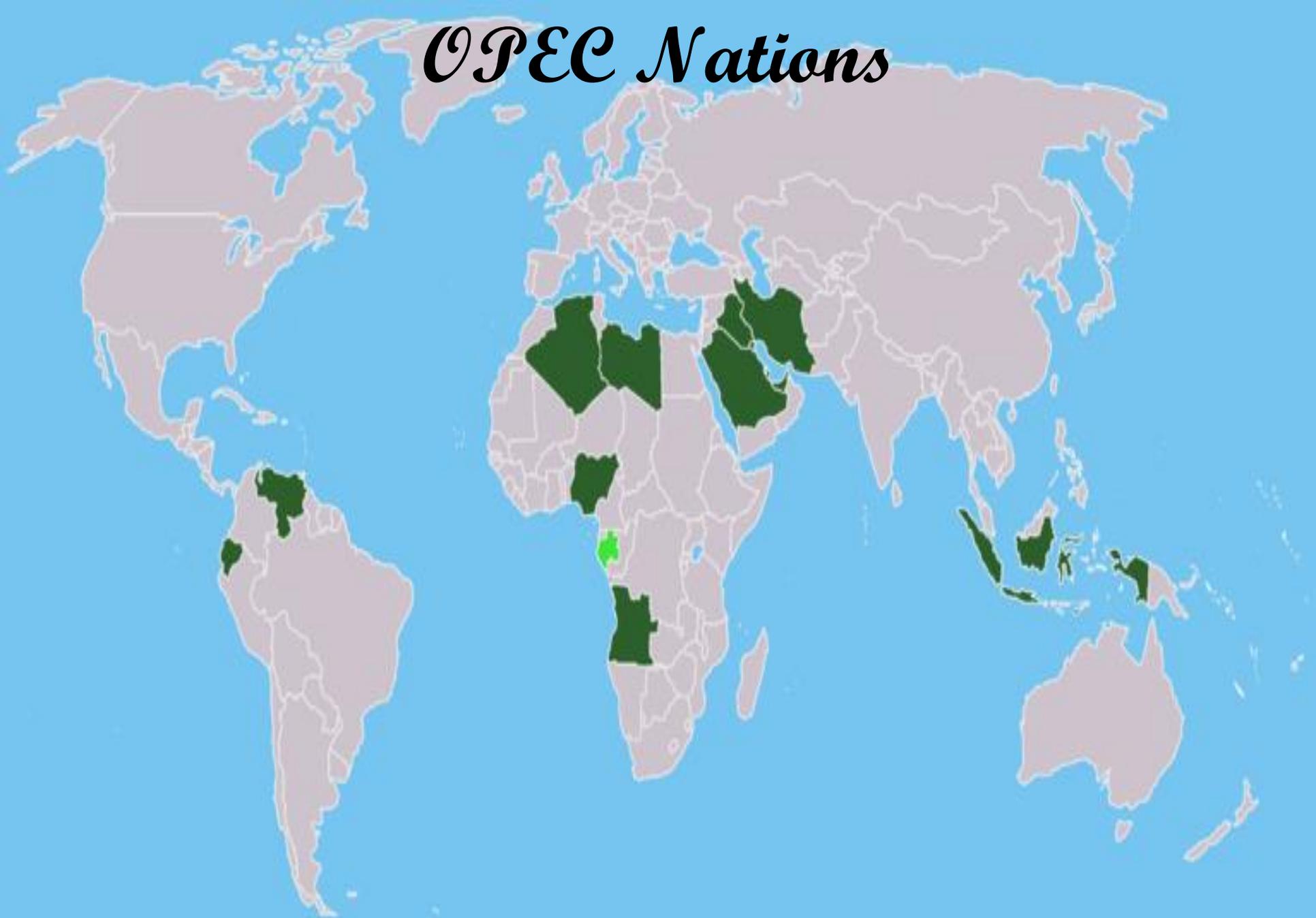
'Up! Up! A little higher! That's it!'

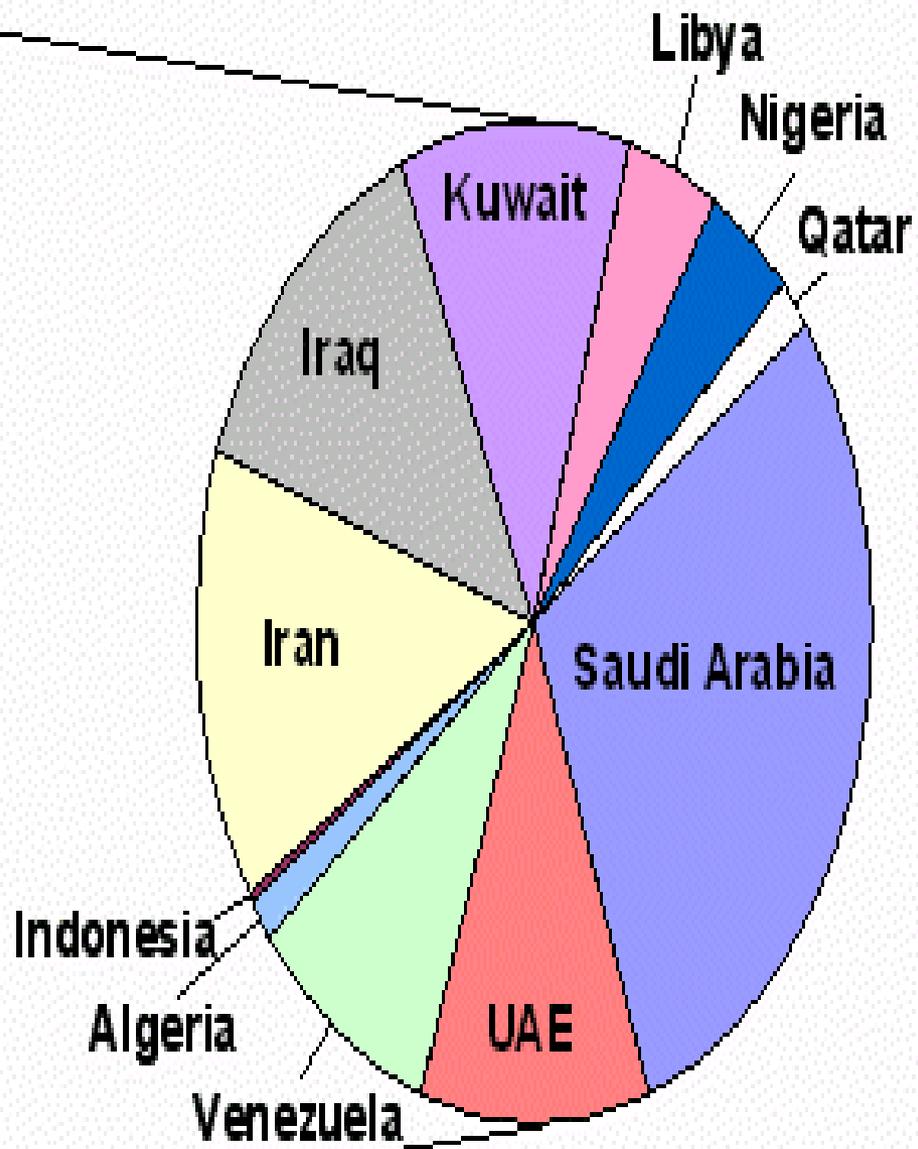
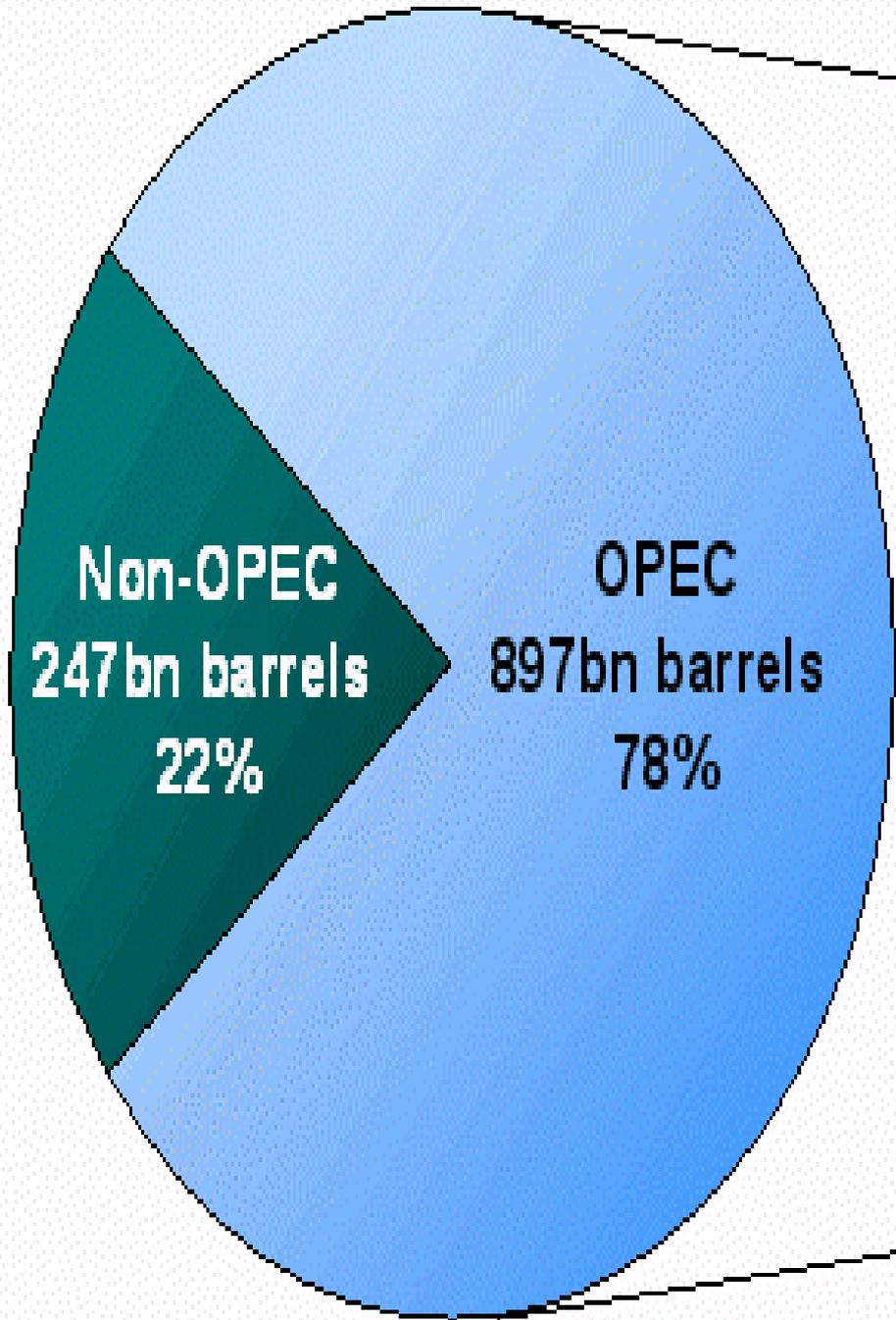
THE BEST WAY FOR US TO DEAL WITH
THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR ARMS IS TO
JUST GET RID OF THEM ALL!

I'LL TAKE
THEM!

IRAN

OPEC Nations





Iraq

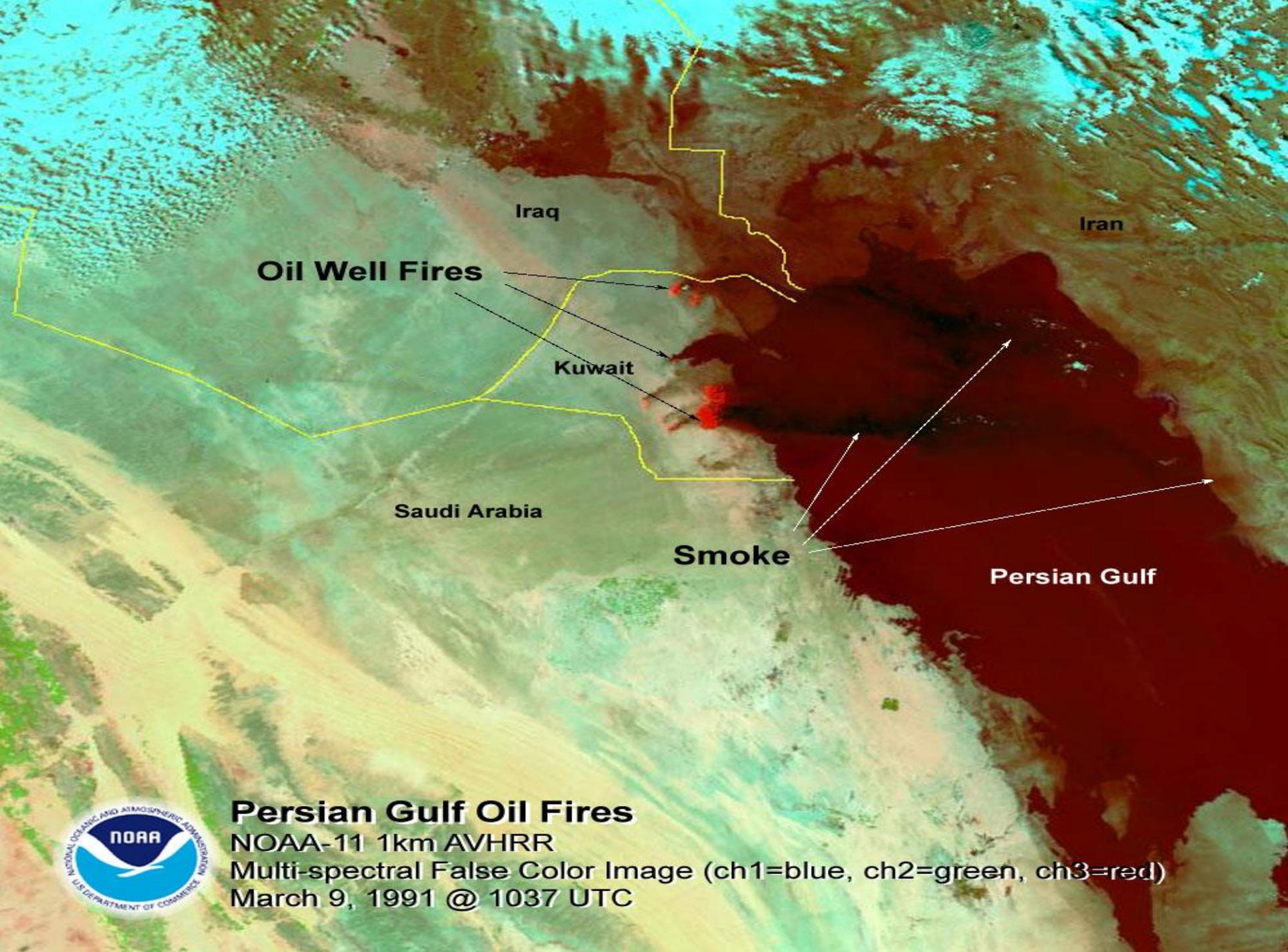


- **1918—British Mandate of Mesopotamia**
- **1932—Iraq created—indep.**
- **1979—Saddam Hussein came to power**
- **1990—Saddam Hussein annexed oil-rich Kuwait**
- **1990-91—Persian Gulf War b/w Iraq & U.N. coalition (led by U.S.)**
 - **Iraq threatened to cut off oil supplies from Kuwait & other parts of Middle East (headed for Saudi Arabia)**
 - **Iraq annexed Kuwait**
 - **1/2 of world's oil supply in Kuwait & Iraq at time**
 - **Hussein spilled large amounts of oil & set Kuwaiti oil fields on fire**
 - **Hussein defeated—truce (w/in 3 months)**



Persian Gulf War

U.S. led coalition	Combatants	Iraq
George Bush, Sr.	Commanders	Saddam Hussein
660,000	Strength	545,00
345	Dead	25,000-100,000
1,000	Wounded	100,000-300,000



Oil Well Fires

Iraq

Iran

Kuwait

Saudi Arabia

Smoke

Persian Gulf



Persian Gulf Oil Fires

NOAA-11 1km AVHRR

Multi-spectral False Color Image (ch1=blue, ch2=green, ch3=red)

March 9, 1991 @ 1037 UTC

Iraq War—2003-2011

- **Iraq at war w/ U.S. led coalition over Hussein's repressive regime & potential for unleashing weapons of mass destruction**
 - Part of the U.S. war on terror
- **Overthrew Hussein w/in months**
- **Saddam captured in Dec. 2003**
 - Convicted in 2006 for crimes against humanity
 - Hung on Dec. 30, 2006
- **Unsuccessful at restoring order to entire country**
- **Issues b/w Sunni & Shia**
- **Very controversial war**
- **General elections—Dec. 2005**
- **Dec. 2011—U.S. troops withdrawl**

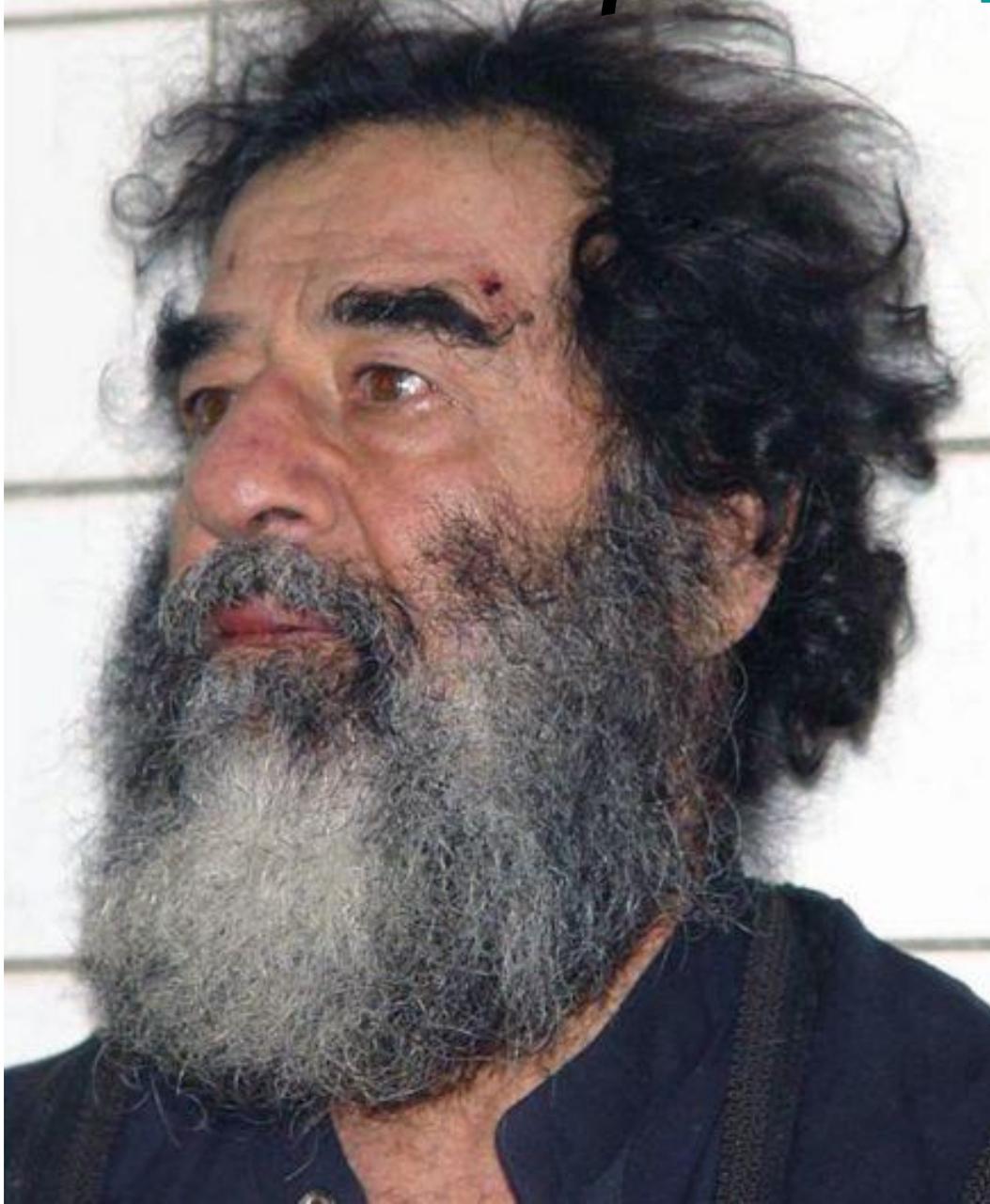




Waiting in line to vote—2005



Saddam Soon After His Capture

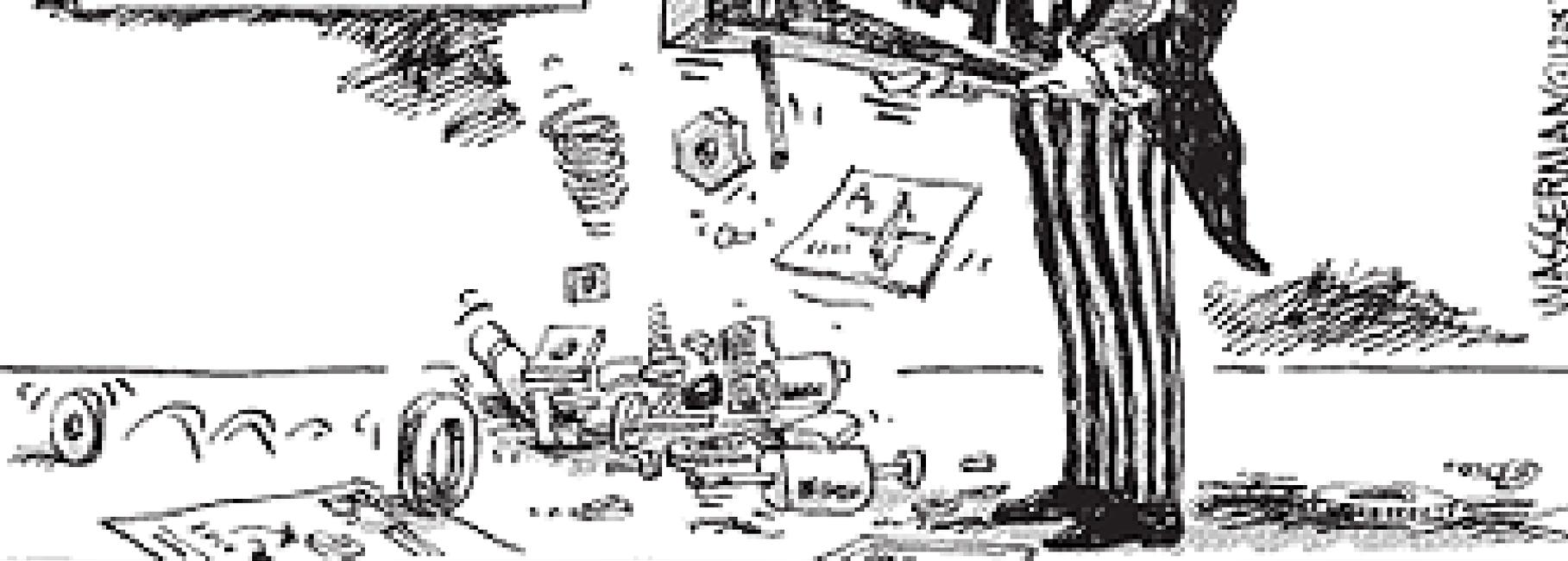


RETURNS

THE SALESMAN ASSURED ME IT WAS AN EASY DO-IT-YOURSELF PROJECT

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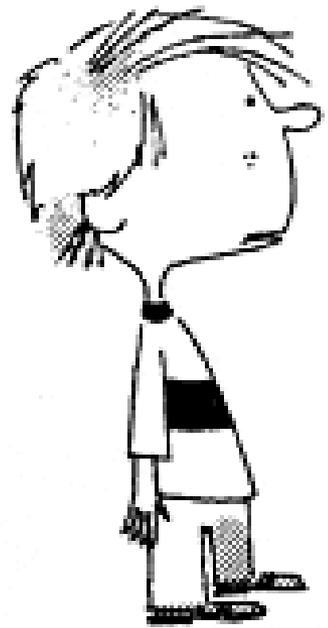


WATCHDOG



**MOM,
WHAT'S
A
CIVIL
WAR?**

**A
CONTRADICTION
IN
TERMS...**





**Satellite Image of Palm Island off coast of Dubai—
in United Arab Emirates**

“The World” consists of between 300 smaller private artificial islands divided into four categories - private homes, estate homes, dream resorts, and community islands



Empires of Middle East Map