

# STRIKE AGAINST THE GULF Iraq's road to confrontation

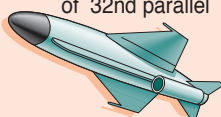
U.S., French and British aircraft have launched an attack on the southern 'no-fly zone' in Iraq in response to Saddam Hussein's continued violations of the terms of the Gulf War ceasefire and defiance of UN resolutions. The allies have cruise missiles and over 200 warplanes available to attack Iraq

 'No-fly zones'  
 Iraqi air bases  
 Air bases used by Allied aircraft  
0 km 100



**'No-fly' violations**  
Iraqi MiG-25, violating southern no-fly zone, shot down by U.S. F-16. AWACS computer tapes later show MiG fired missile at U.S. plane

**Missiles deployed**  
Missiles in northern no-fly zone made operational within days of withdrawal of five missile batteries south of 32nd parallel



**Border raids**  
UN rules flouted in Kuwaiti border zone by recovering property, including four Silkworm missiles

**Aircraft dispersed**  
Aircraft placed on roads to minimise risk of attack from allies seeking to avoid civilian casualties

## UNITED STATES

**200 aircraft including:**  
55 aircraft based at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia: Fighter/bombers – F-15 Eagles, F-16 Fighting Falcons. Electronic warfare aircraft – F-4G

Phantom 'Wild Weasels', EF-111s. Close support aircraft – A-10 Thunderbolt 'tankbusters'. 14 aircraft based at Riyadh: Airborne Warning and Control – E-3C Sentry AWACS. Inflight refuelling tankers – Boeing KC-135s.

20 aircraft based at Khamis Mushayt and Taif: 'Stealth' fighters – F-117As, Surveillance – U-2Rs.

70 aircraft aboard the USS Kitty Hawk: Strike/fighters – F-14 Tomcats, F/A-18 Hornets.

Low level attack bombers – A-6 Intruders.

38 aircraft based at Incirlik, Turkey: Fighter/bombers – F-15 Eagles. Bombers – F-111s, AWACS – E-3s

## UNITED KINGDOM

**14 aircraft including:**  
6 attack aircraft based at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia: Reconnaissance – RAF Tornado GR-1 and GR-1As.

4 attack aircraft based at Incirlik, Turkey: Strike/fighters – Jaguars. These are supported by VC-10 tankers

## FRANCE

**20 aircraft including:**  
10 attack aircraft based at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia: Low-level attack – Mirage

2000s. 8 attack aircraft based at Incirlik, Turkey: Reconnaissance – Mirage F1s supported by C-135FR tankers



**Obstructing UN personnel**  
UN inspection flights banned. Iraq insists UN personnel use Iraqi commercial airliners, currently grounded by economic sanctions, or travel overland. Interference with UN aid convoys to Kurds north of 36th parallel