

# Baghdad reels under “shock and awe” assault



**Washington:** Pentagon says U.S. forces plan to drop more than 1,500 bombs and missiles on Iraq in the first 24 hours of “shock and awe” campaign which began 17:00 GMT, Friday

**1. Baghdad:** More than 320 Tomahawk cruise missiles are fired at the capital and Saddam Hussein’s home town of **Tikrit** on Friday night. Fresh bombardment began at dawn Saturday

**2. Western Iraq:** Strategic airfields captured by special forces, opening way for U.S. 4th Infantry Division to mount northern campaign

**3, 4. Northern Iraq:** Air strikes hit **Mosul**. Special forces secure giant oilfields around **Kirkuk**

**5. Turkey:** 1,500 Turkish troops – first of 10,000 – enter Kurdish-held northern Iraq

**6. Nasiriyah:** U.S. Seventh Cavalry and 3rd Infantry Division penetrate 150km into Iraq

**7. Basra:** U.S. 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and British Three Commando Brigade close in on Iraq’s second largest city. Iraq’s 51st Infantry Division of 8,000 troops surrenders

**8. Um Qasr:** U.S. and British troops seize strategic deep-water port. Small pockets of resistance indicate first signs of urban warfare