



1. Baghdad: Dawn cruise missile attacks and air strikes leave buildings burning in city centre, Iraqi TV off air for three hours

2. Karbala: B-52s pound **Republican Guards**



3. Al Hindiyah: American **3rd Infantry Division** – supported by **101st Airborne Division** – prepare for possible push to Baghdad

4. Turkey: U.S. **President Bush** proposes \$8.5 billion for Turkey as 30,000 troops with tanks and heavy artillery mass on Iraq's northern border

5. Mosul: Heaviest bombing yet seen

6. Halabja: U.S. special forces attack some 800 **Ansar al-Islam** fighters to north of town. Radical Islamist group is accused by Washington of links to **al-Qaeda**

7. Kut: U.S. 1st Marine Division forms eastward arm of a pincer movement on capital

8. Najaf: U.S. **7th Cavalry** comes under attack from Iraqi ground troops – more than 150 Iraqis killed, some American casualties also reported

9. Nasiriyah: U.S. Marines secure route through town. Troops from 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines capture 170 Iraqi soldiers, seize weapons and 3,000 chemical suits at hospital. Sniper attacks continue to harass Marines



Basra
Um Qasr



10. Basra: British **7th Armoured Division (Desert Rats)** fire on Iraqi artillery and mortar positions in city centre. British troops also engage with Iraqi **Fedayeen** paramilitaries fleeing city. Unconfirmed reports of civilian uprising

10. Rumaila oil field: British troops from 3rd Battalion Parachute Regiment locate and destroy forward observation post spotting for Iraqi artillery units

12. Um Qasr:

Strategic deep-water port secured by **British Royal Marines 3rd Commando Brigade** and U.S. **Marine Expeditionary Unit**. First humanitarian aid ship could arrive within 48 hours. Resistance and sniper attacks continue around town. Divers from Britain, Australia and America – assisted by sealions and dolphins specially trained for task – clear mines from harbour entrance