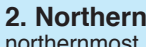


Day 14 – Battle for Baghdad about to begin



1. Baghdad: Fresh airstrikes pummel city centre, southern and western outskirts. Presidential compound hit with three bombs in overnight raids



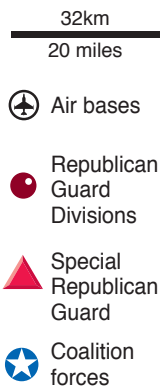
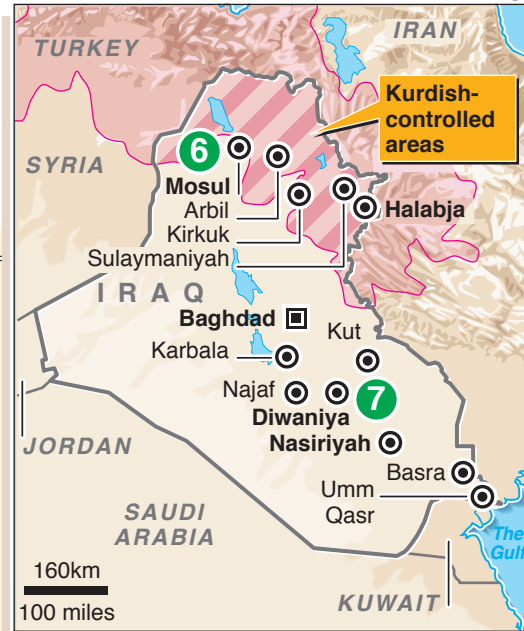
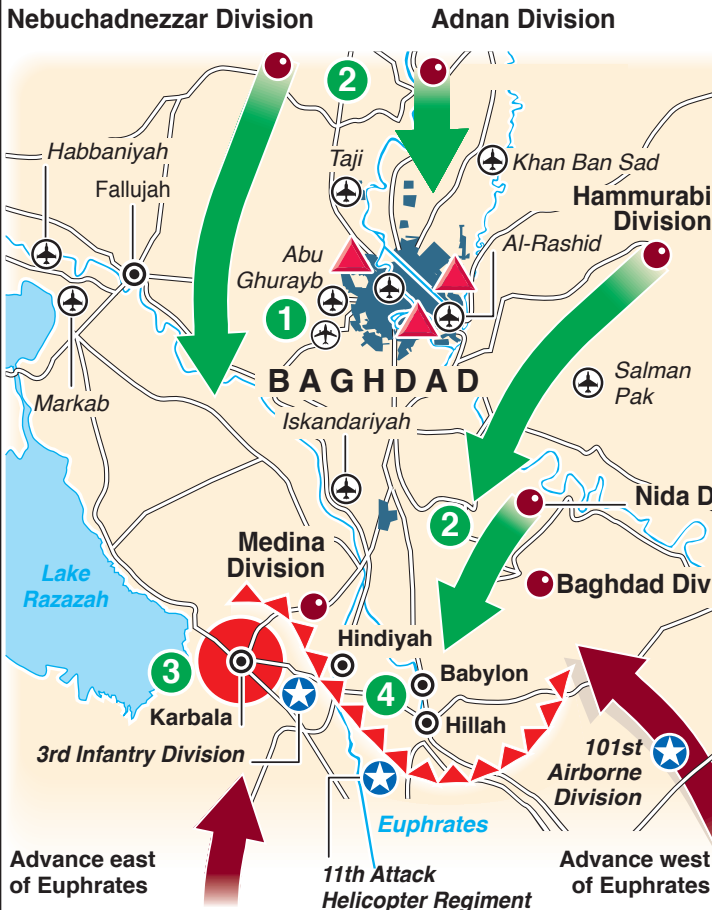
2. Northern Baghdad: Elements of two of Iraq's northernmost Republican Guard divisions – **Adnan** and **Nebuchadnezzar Divisions** – move south toward capital. **Hammurabi** and **Nida Divisions** move towards **Babylon**



3. Karbala: U.S. **3rd Infantry Division** circles and secures holy city. U.S. forces unleash ferocious barrage on Republican Guard **Medina Division** with Tomahawk cruise missiles, artillery and B-52 bombers. Pentagon reports division has been reduced in strength by half

4. Hillah: U.S. troops and armour encounter fierce resistance from Iraqi Army and Fedayeen militia units. Local officials claim Apache helicopters hit residential areas, killing 33 and wounding at least 300

5. Kut: U.S. **1st Marine Division** seizes strategic bridge over Tigris. Resistance from units of Republican Guard **Baghdad Division**



6. Mosul: Iraq claim its forces foiled "landing attempt" by British special forces. **Al-Jazeera** television shows footage of armoured Land Rover and weapons. UK officials neither confirm nor deny incident

7. Diwaniya: **Delta Force** troops attack Ba'ath Party HQ and rescue Jessica Lynch, U.S. private held captive since March 23. Two other U.S. soldiers found dead