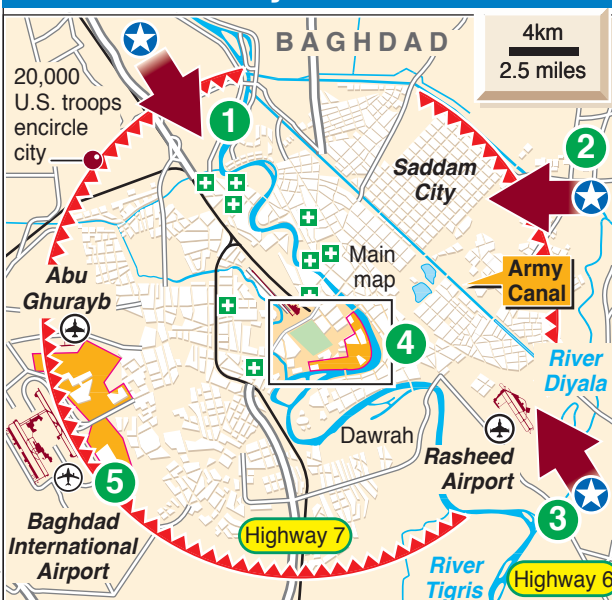


# Day 21 – U.S. forces tighten grip on Baghdad



**1. Baghdad:** Units of U.S. **3rd Infantry Division** fight way in from north-west

**2. Saddam City:** **Marine Expeditionary Force** enters sprawling suburb, home to 2-3 million **Shia Muslims** who oppose **Saddam Hussein's** regime

**3. Rashid:** More than 1,000 Marines battle their way across River Diyala and seize military airport. Dozens of Iraqis reported killed

**4. Palestine Hotel:** Two TV cameramen – from **Reuters** and Spanish channel **Telecinco** – killed when U.S. tank shell hits hotel packed with foreign journalists

**5. Airport:** A-10 "Warthog" warplane shot down by Iraqi surface-to-air missile, pilot ejects safely

**6. Republican Palace:** Heavy fighting between troops and tanks from **3rd Infantry Division** and Iraqi **Republican Guard**, **Fedayeen** and **Baath Party** loyalists extends from Republican Palace to Al Ahrar Bridge

**7. TV Centre:** Intensive tank and infantry battle for control of heart of Iraqi government quarter. American fire kills journalist from Arab TV network **al-Jazeera**



**8. Parliament:**  
Occupied by U.S. forces

**9. Khulfafa Street:**  
**Fedayeen** militia shoot from rooftops at U.S. infantry across River Tigris

**10. Sijood Palace:**  
Saddam's official residence occupied by **2nd Brigade 3rd Infantry Division**. U.S. now has 3,000-5,000 troops – one brigade strength – in Baghdad