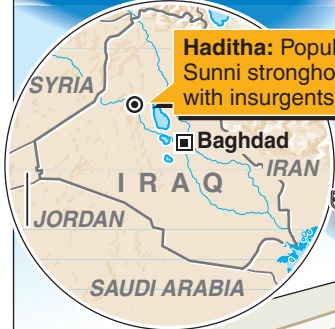
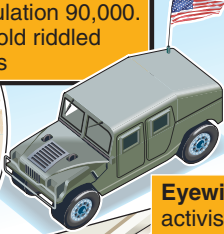


Incident in Haditha

Eight U.S. Marines have been charged over the deaths of 24 Iraqi civilians in the Iraqi town of Haditha last year. The Marines involved in the incident say they were sweeping for insurgents firing on them from inside a house, followed rules of engagement and did not intentionally target civilians



Haditha: Population 90,000. Sunni stronghold riddled with insurgents



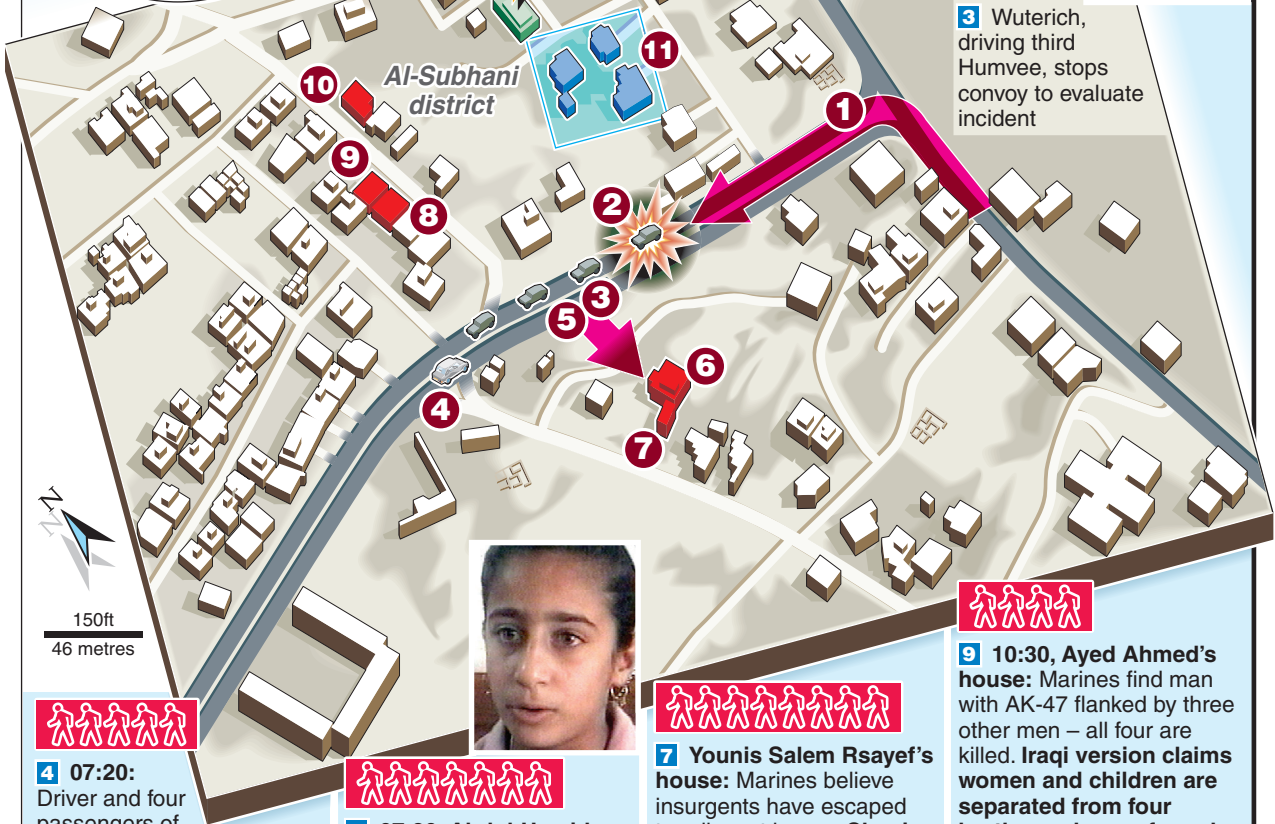
Eyewitness: Human rights activist *Thaer al-Hadithi* watches from family home

1 Nov 19, 2005: Convoy of four Humvees, carrying squad of dozen Marines under command of Staff Sgt. **Frank D. Wuterich**, turns into **Hay al-Sinnai Road**. Squad is part of 160-strong **Kilo Company** tasked with maintaining order in Haditha

2 07:15: Roadside bomb explodes under rear Humvee. Blast instantly kills driver, 20-year-old Lance Cpl. **Miguel Terrazas** (right)



3 Wuterich, driving third Humvee, stops convoy to evaluate incident



4 07:20: Driver and four passengers of taxi shot dead. **Marines say it is standard procedure to shoot suspicious people fleeing a bombing**

5 Convoy comes under Kalashnikov fire. Corporal tells Wuterich shots came from house on south side of the road. **Following discussion with platoon leader, Marines decide to clear house following rules of engagement**



6 07:30, Abdul-Hamid Hassan Ali's house: Four Marines kick in door and toss fragmentation grenade inside – one Marine fires **clearing rounds** through dust and smoke. **Seven killed including Ali, his wife, three sons, daughter-in-law and grandson.** 10-year-old survivor **Iman Waleed** (above) describes execution-style killings of her family

7 **Younis Salem Rsayef's house:** Marines believe insurgents have escaped to adjacent house. **Clearing procedure repeated – eight killed including Rsayef, his wife, her sister and five children.** Wuterich reports *collateral damage* to Kilo Company

8 Marines spot two armed men north of Hay al-Sinnai Road – one is shot dead. **Group of women say second man is in adjacent house**

9 10:30, Ayed Ahmed's house: Marines find man with AK-47 flanked by three other men – all four are killed. **Iraqi version claims women and children are separated from four brothers who are forced into closet and shot dead**

10 10:30: Eyewitness Thaer al-Hadithi reports man who steps out of nearby house is shot and left to bleed on street for two hours before being dragged to safety

11 16:30: Al-Hadithi says 14 people are detained by Kilo Company during security sweep of cluster of houses