



## **Saddam Hussein: In His Own Words**

*Quotes from Saddam and Iraq's regime-controlled media*

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For years, Saddam Hussein and his regime have used state-controlled media in Iraq to spread lies, and threaten his neighbors and the world. Below is a sampling of quotes from Saddam and the Iraqi media – keyed to significant events -- showing a pattern of threats stretching back more than a decade.

### **The Gulf War, February 1991**

"[America] will not be excluded from the operations and explosions of the Arab and Muslim mujahidin and all the honest strugglers in the world."

Iraq News Agency, January 30, 1991  
(State-controlled)

"What remains for Bush and his accomplices in crime is to understand that they are personally responsible for their crime. The Iraqi people will pursue them for this crime, even if they leave office and disappear into oblivion. There is no doubt they will understand what we mean if they know what revenge means to the Arabs."

Baghdad Radio, February 6, 1991  
(State-controlled)

"We will chase [Americans] to every corner at all times. No high tower of steel will protect them against the fire of truth."

Chief of Iraqi Intelligence, In a Cable to Saddam, Baghdad Radio, February 8, 1991

"Every Iraqi child, woman, and old man knows how to take revenge...They will avenge the pure blood that has been shed no matter how long it takes."

Iraqi Vice President Taha Yasin Ramadan, Baghdad Domestic Service, February 15, 1991  
(State-controlled)

### **Iraq Masses Troops Against Kuwait, October 1994**

"Does [America] realize the meaning of every Iraqi becoming a missile that can cross to countries and cities?"

Babil, September 29, 1994  
(State-controlled newspaper)

"[W]hen peoples reach the verge of collective death, they will be able to spread death to all..."

Al-Jumhuriyah, October 4, 1994  
(State-controlled newspaper)

"[O]ur striking arm will reach [America, Britain, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait] before they know what hit them."

Al-Qadisiyah, October 6, 1994  
(State-controlled newspaper)

"One chemical weapon fired in a moment of despair could cause the deaths of hundreds of thousands."

Al-Quds al-Arabi, October 12, 1994  
(London-based, pro-Saddam newspaper)



"Whoever continues to be involved in a despicable aggressive war against the people of Iraq as a subservient party must realize that this aggressive act has a dear price."

Hani Wuhayyib, Chief Editor, Al-Qadisiyah,

February 16, 1999

*(State-controlled newspaper)*

"What is required now is to deal strong blows to U.S. and British interests. These blows should be strong enough to make them feel that their interests are indeed threatened not only by words but also in deeds."

Al-Qadisiyah, February 27, 1999

*(State-controlled newspaper)*

### **U.S.S. Cole Bombing, October 12, 2000**

"[Iraqis] should intensify struggle and jihad in all fields and by all means..."

Joint Statement of Iraq

Revolutionary Command Council and Iraq

Command of the Arab Socialist Ba'th Party

and its National Command, Chaired by

Saddam Hussein, Iraq TV,

October 22, 2000

### **The Attacks of September 11**

"The real perpetrators [of September 11] are within the collapsed buildings."

Alif-Ba, September 11, 2002

*(State-controlled newspaper)*

"[September 11 was] God's punishment."

Al-Iktisadi, September 11, 2002

*(State-controlled newspaper)*

"If the attacks of September 11 cost the lives of 3,000 civilians, how much will the size of losses in 50 states within 100 cities if it were attacked in the same way in which New York and Washington were? What would happen if hundreds of planes attacked American cities?"

Al-Rafidayn, September 11, 2002

*(State-controlled newspaper)*

"The simple truth [about September 11] is that America burned itself and now tries to burn the world."

Alif-Ba, September 11, 2002

*(State-controlled magazine)*

"The United States reaps the thorns its rulers have planted in the world."

Saddam Hussein, September 12, 2001

"[I]t is possible to turn to biological attack, where a small can, not bigger than the size of a hand, can be used to release viruses that affect everything..."

Babil, September 20, 2001

*(State-controlled newspaper)*



"The United States must get a taste of its own poison..."

Babil, October 8, 2001  
(State-controlled newspaper)

### **On the Eve of the September 11 Attacks**

"In [Osama bin Laden's] heart you'll find a strange determination that he will reach one day the tunnels of the White House and will bomb it with everything that is in it...[H]e will practice and work on an exercise called 'How Do You Bomb the White House'...and still thinks seriously...about the way he will try to bomb the Pentagon after he destroys the White House."

Iraqi Columnist Naeem Abd Muhalhal in  
Al-Nasiriya, July 21, 2001  
(State-controlled newspaper)

