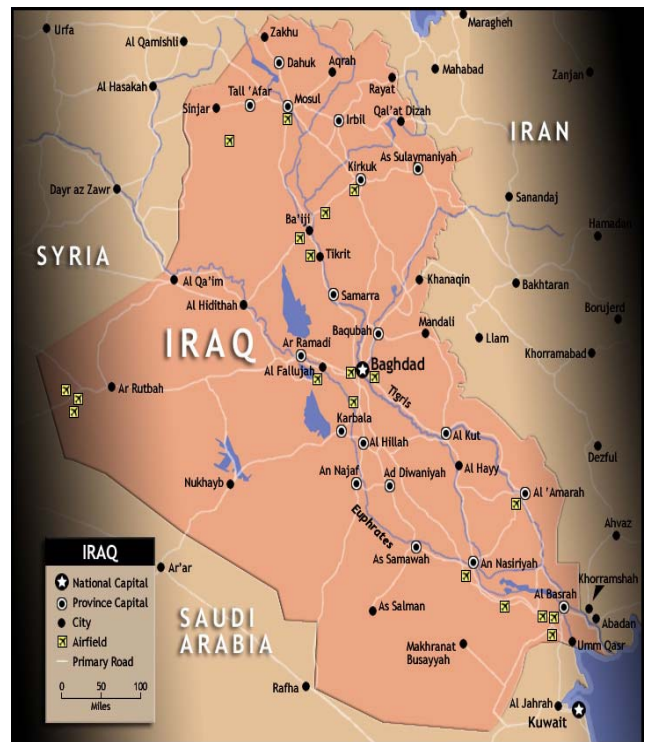


# HISTORY & FACTS on IRAQ

- Iraq's population is slightly over 24 million people
- Iraq is slightly twice the size of Idaho
- Iraq has two main ethnic groups: Arab 75-80%, Kurdish 15-20%, other 5%
- Iraq's religion is 97% Muslim (Shi'a 60-65%, Sunni 32-37%) and 3% other
- The languages of Iraq are: Arabic, Kurdish, Assyrian and Armenian
- The Climate in Iraq varies from north to south. In the south the summers have extreme heat and the winters are mostly mild to cool. In the northern mountain regions the summers are mild to hot and the winters are cold with heavy snow.
- The natural resources of Iraq are: Petroleum, Natural Gas, Phosphates and Sulfur
- The natural hazards in Iraq are: Dust storms, Sand storms and Floods
- Iraq is considered the cradle of civilization and is rich in ancient history



# HISTORY & FACTS on KUWAIT

- Kuwait's population is approximately 2,112,000
- Kuwait is slightly smaller in size than New Jersey
- Kuwait has two main ethnic groups: Kuwaiti 45%, other Arab 35%, South Asian 9%, Iranian 4%, other 7%
- Kuwait's religion is: Muslim 85% (Sunni 70%, Sai'a 30%), other 15%
- Kuwait's official language is Arabic (official), English is widely spoken
- Kuwait's climate is dry with intense hot summers and short, cool winters
- The natural resources in Kuwait are: Petroleum, Fish, Shrimp and Natural Gas
- The natural hazards in Kuwait are sudden cloud bursts from October to April, dust storms and sand storms most common March to August
- Occupied by Iraq at the start of Desert Storm
- Very strategic location at the head of the Persian Gulf



