1990

AUGUST 1990
Iraq invades Kuwait

AUGUST 1990
Operation Desert Shield begins

AUGUST 1990
First U.S. forces arrive in Saudi Arabia

NOVEMBER 1990
Iraq is given deadline to withdraw from Kuwait by mid-January 1991

1991

JANUARY 1991
Operation Desert Storm and air war phase begin

FEBRUARY 1991
Allied ground assault begins

FEBRUARY 1991
Cessation of hostilities declared

APRIL 1991
Iraq officially accepts cease-fire terms from the United Nations
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