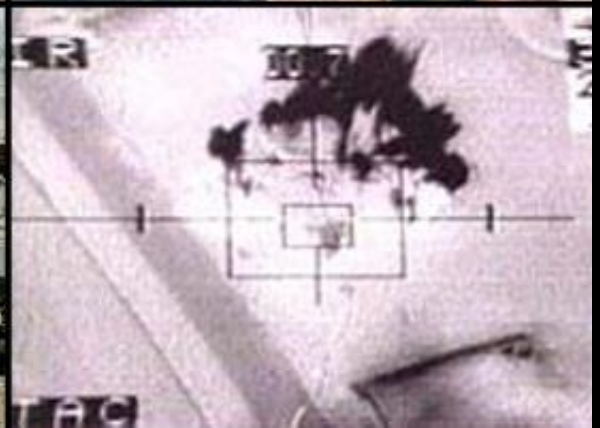

Modern Conflicts of the Middle East

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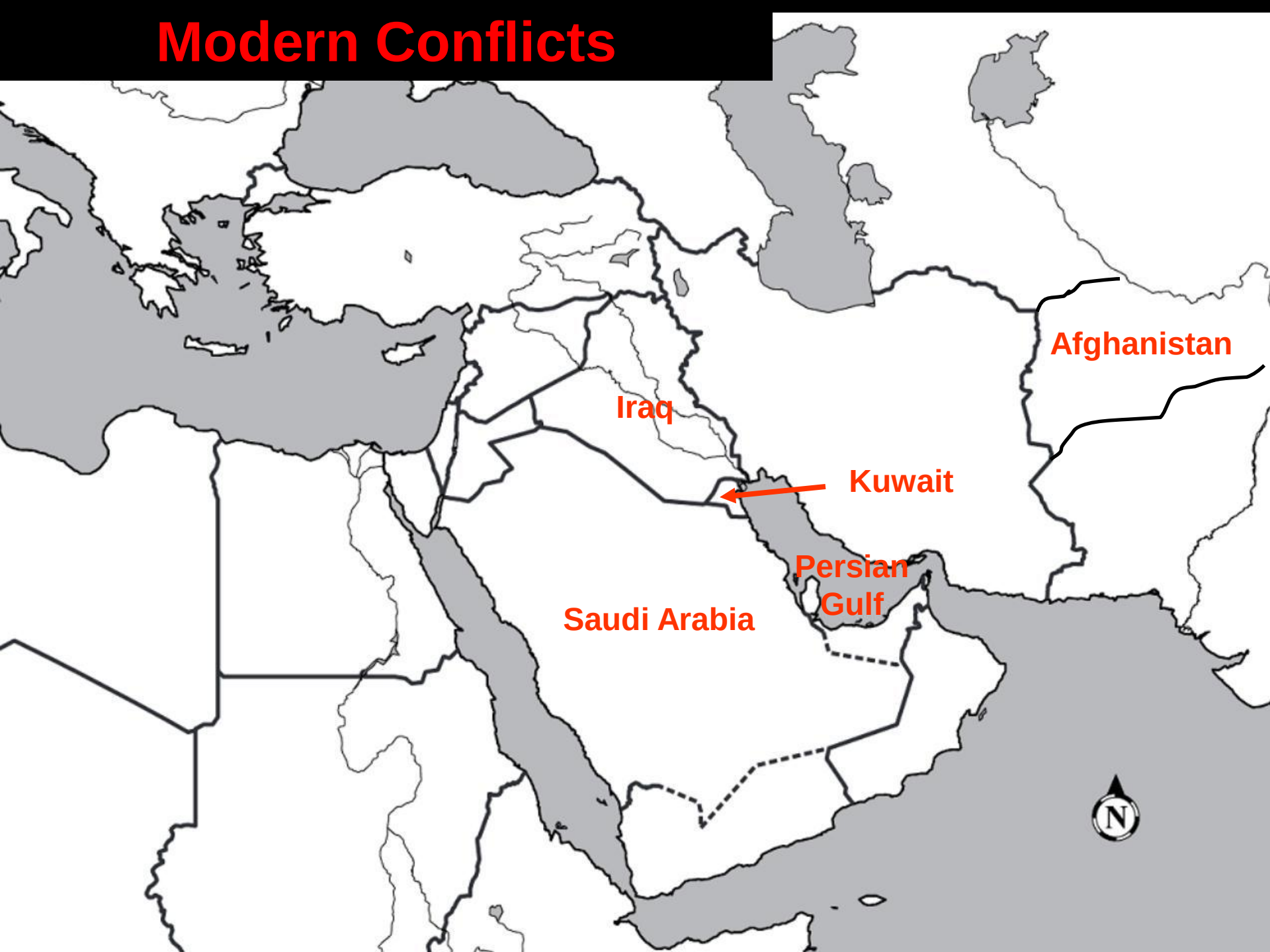


Persian Gulf War

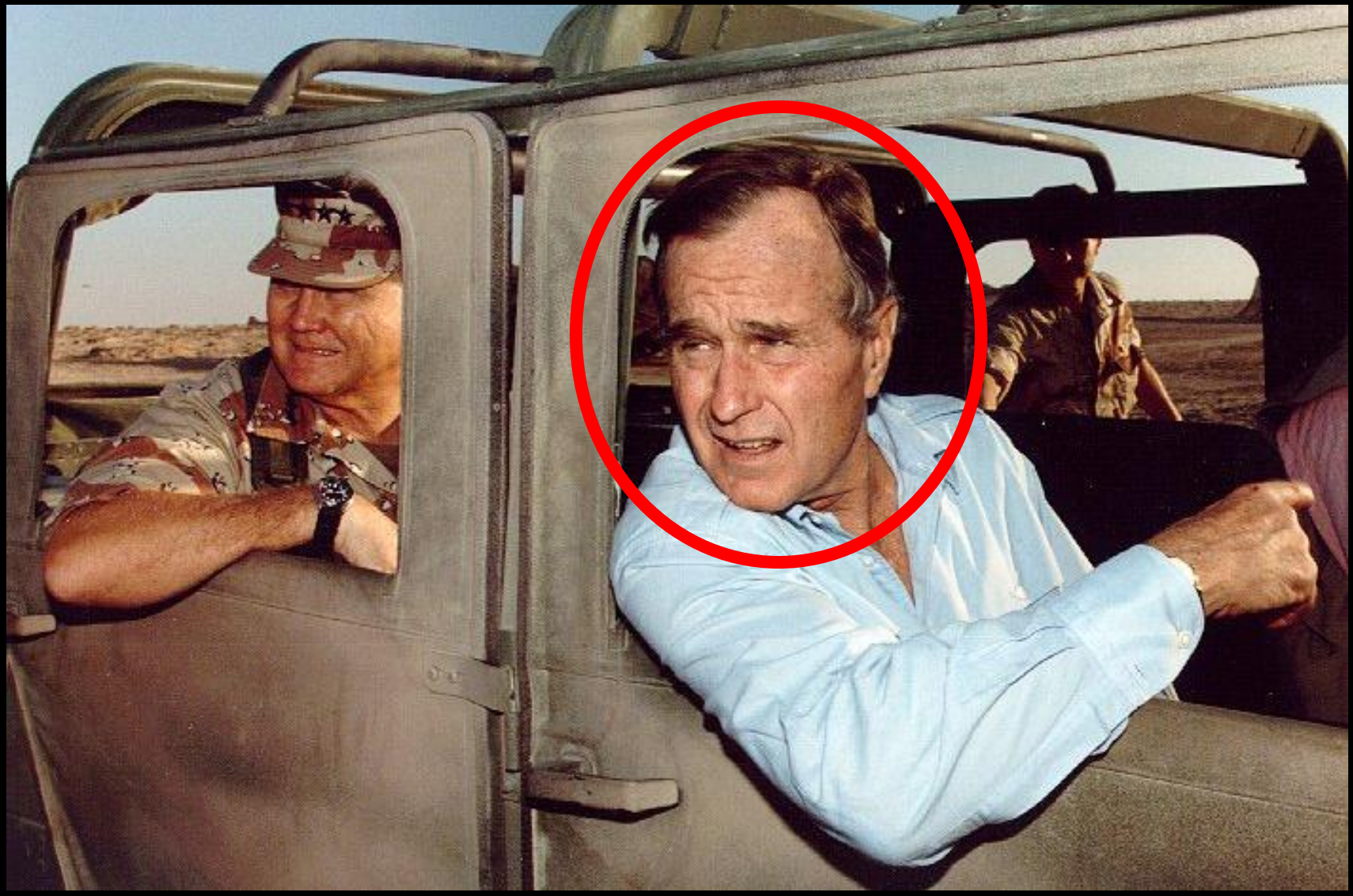
PEOPLE

Saddam Hussein

Iraqi President

DATES 1990-1991

CAUSE Iraq invades Kuwait over oil

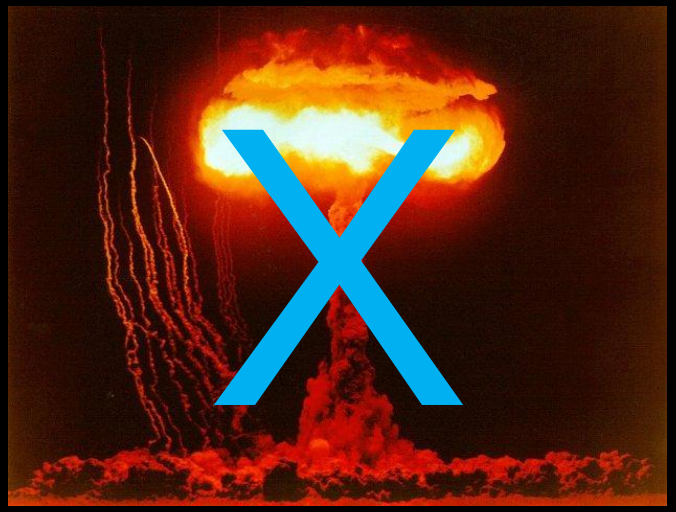


PEOPLE President George **H.** Bush

EVENTS
U.S. and 39 countries from UN send troops

OUTCOME

- **Iraq must withdrawal from Kuwait**
- **Saddam Hussein stays in power, but must destroy all WMDs (weapons of mass destruction), such as nuclear or biological weapons**



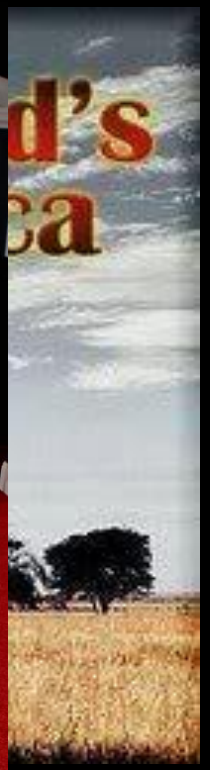
September 11 Attacks

- 2001
- **Osama bin-Laden**
- **Al Qaeda** (terrorist group)
- Twin Towers of **World Trade Center** (New York City)
- Pentagon (Wash. D.C.)

EVENTS

CAUSE

Bin-Laden wanted to remove U.S./western influence and power in the Middle East



OUTCOME

- Over 3,000 ppl died
- Increased security
- U.S. invades Afghanistan to find Osama bin-Laden

Modern Conflicts

Saddam Hussein

Kuwait

Persian Gulf

Saudi Arabia

Osama bin Laden

- Al-Qaeda
- Taliban

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Invasion of Afghanistan

- U.S. invades Afghanistan in 2001
- **Taliban** (group controlling the Afghan government)
- protecting **Osama bin-Laden** and **al-Qaeda**

Taliban announces to the world that they will not give up Osama bin-Laden . . .

so the U.S. invades Afghanistan to find bin-Laden

OUTCOME

- U.S. **still fighting** to keep **Taliban** from returning

- **Killed** Osama bin Laden in 2011

If Osama bin Laden (in Afghanistan) was responsible for 9/11,

why did the U.S. invade Iraq & Saddam Hussein?

Iraq War

- 2003
- President George W. Bush
- fearing Saddam Hussein had WMDs (weapons of mass destruction)

OUTCOME

- **No** WMDs were ever found
- U.S. **still fighting** in Iraq, though withdrawn troops below 50,000

- **Saddam Hussein** put on trial in Iraqi court and hanged for crimes against his people

- Iraq is **democracy** where people vote for leaders, though differing factions (*ex. Sunni, Shia, Kurdish*) still bitterly disagree who should control country and how

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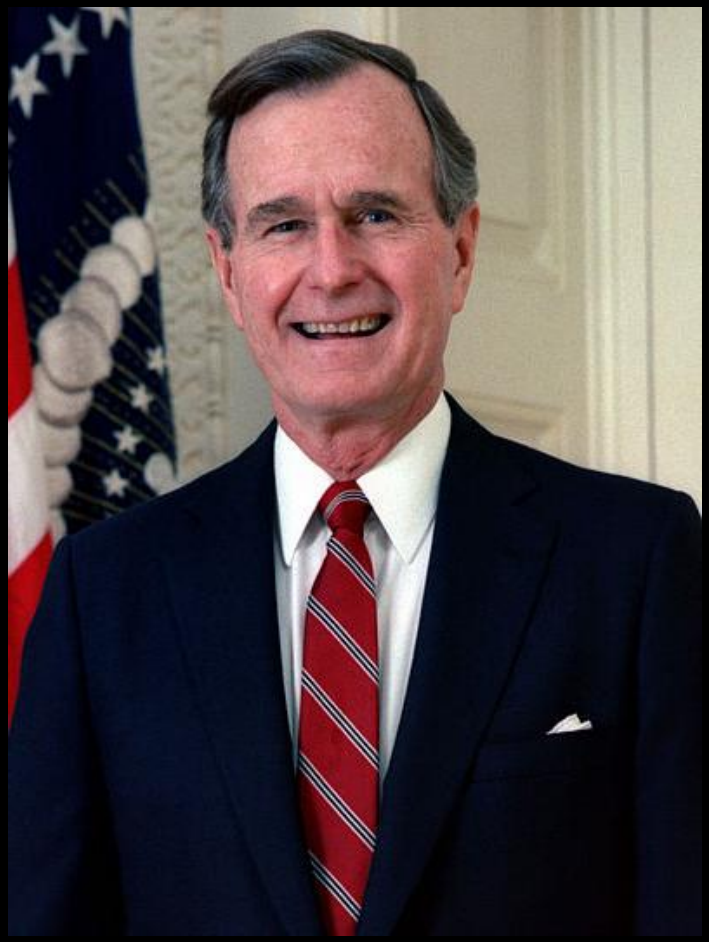

Persian Gulf War
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Iraq War/Afghanistan
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