

Iraq-Iran War (1980-1988)

Recognizing, that Saddam Hussein and Iran's Shah {His Imperial Majesty Mohammad Reza Pahlavi Shah} signed joint peace treaty between Iraq and Iran during presidents of OPEC's meetings held at Algeria in 1975 via good will instrumental by former Algeria president Houari Boumedienne who arranged for private separate meeting from presidents of OPEC's sessions which gathered Saddam and Shah's Iran to reach for agreement about some important issues regarding Iran-Iraq relations, such as solving all borders problems between two sides regarding re-marking out joint land and river borders between Iraq and Iran, conduct active and strict surveillance for their joint borders to prevent any illegal violations and building strong neighbors relations based on joint respect and non-intrusion in interior affairs for both Iran and Iraq. This agreement between Saddam and Iran's Shah called Algeria treaty. After Shah Fall in 1979 and Khomeini coming to take over Iran, Saddam canceled Algeria treaty and announced a war against Iran taking advantage a weakness of Iran and collapse its military strength due to that most Imperial Armed Forces units disintegrated by Khomeini and most high ranks officers in Imperial Armed Forces have been executed to be replaced with irregular militia units isn't trained and don't know the regular conventional war. Saddam justified his war against Iran alleging that Khomeini's regime has violated Algeria treaty due to his intrusion in Iraq's interior affairs through helping Iraqi Kurds in north of Iraq to rebel against central government in Baghdad for the separation from Iraq those allegations were lying and were not the real reasons that let Saddam to announce his war against Iran, but the real reason behind his war is in fact that Saddam started fear Islamic tide when Islamists in Iran fell the Shah and took over authority where Khomeini's ideology brought for Iranians was meet high welcome and approval for Shiite clerics in Iraq especially in holy sites for Shiite Iraqis such as Najaf and Kerbla Khomeini studied his theologian sciences and lived in, so there were in these sites a lot of supporters for Khomeini and his revolution, so there were doubts and panics for Saddam if Iraqi people may be incited by those Islamists in these holy sites to make Islamic revolution against his regime same Islamic revolution in Iran against Shah. All these doubts were just fear presentiments and illusions for Saddam and they had not practical application on theatre. As you know that Saddam is a master intelligence man and perceives the danger before it happens to pull out its roots even if it still in the cradle, so Saddam started a big bloody genocide campaign against Iraqi Islamists in Shiite areas and deported who kept a live from their families to Iran. Saddam didn't stop for that extent, but killed any Iraqi was suspected that he just sympathizes with those Islamists. Saddam has killed thousands of Shiite Iraqis just that they were perform their religious rites in Shiite mosques where he banned religious rites for Shiite Iraqis and gave orders to his strong security forces to execute any person perform those rites especially the rites of Hussein imam martyrdom's day. For that reasons Saddam started his war against Iran out of fear Khomeini revolution being exported to Iraq.

In addition to those reasons above Saddam used to wage the war against Iran, he used fraudulent means to bringing over support of the Islamic and Arabic world to his side during that war where he announced to Arabs and Muslims that his war is Arabs and Islam war against Persians and Zoroastrians reminding Arabs and Muslims and bringing their attention to Islamic victories Islam achieved against Persia when Muslims invaded Persia and did spread the Islam in it before 1400 years in famous battle called "Al-Qadiseia" (attributed to Iraqi city battle happened in between Islamic Armies led by Saad bin abi Waqas and Persian Armies led by commander Rastm and led to defeat of Persian Armies and they were excluded from Iraq). Saddam convinced Arabic and Islamic countries through his political speeches, he was address to them during the war, that Persians returned to occupy Iraq again as their old ancestors did before, telling Arabic countries that his war is Islam war against Zoroastrians, so he called it "Al-Qadiseia II" (attributed to First Al-Qadiseia Battle between Muslims and Persians before 1400 years) to win over Arabic countries support and justify them the legitimacy of his war against Iran, and he succeeded to do so where he figured to the Arabic countries that Khomeini's regime is historical

Continuance for ancient Persian Empire and Khomeini came disguising with Islam's dress to deceive the Arabs and Muslims with his Islamic revolution, but as you know these allegations are a funny and ridiculous comedy. Saddam during his war figured to the Arabic countries that he is a grandson of Islamic commander "Saad Bin abi Waqas" who defeated Persians in first Al-Qadeseia battle and Iraqis are grandsons of those men who participated in that battle and their grandsons returned again to give the Persians another lesson in Islamic victories. Saddam told the Arabic countries "that he (Saddam) came to revive again these Islamic Arabic glories to Arabs against Persians and Zoroastrians" according to his speeches addressed to Arabs during the war, so most Arabic countries supported him financially and politically in that war especially Persian gulf countries, such as Kuwait, Saudi Arabia kingdom and Arabia Emirates. Saddam's mania with greatness and arrogance and his love to creating glories to himself through this war was the direct reason to continuance that crazy war for 8 years. Saddam was not care to death hundreds thousands of innocent Iraqis through that war as much as he was want to figure himself to the Arabic world that he is the historical stretching for Islamic commander who defeated Persians before 1400 years ago. Saddam was want through that war to make to himself the glories at a kill thousands of innocent Iraqis through they are pushed to holocaust of that crazy war without any sensible reason just to make them a fuel to continuance a flame of that war. Here we can say that Saddam wanted to make an immortal legend for his fake and false victories in that war to be recited through the future among Arabs and Iraqis. As you know that Saddam got out a looser from that war, but he always was turn his defeats into great victories as all world know that fact well.

The negative effects to that war on Iraqi community still continuous until now. This war didn't just destroy Iraq and exhaust it's human and financial resources, but destroyed Iraqis morals and their behaviors this war also generated hate and selfishness spirit among Iraqis and rude and uncivilized behavior through their dealing with each other where conflicts and quarrels became happen among

Iraqis daily for simpler reasons where that war grew up violence nature in Iraqi's personality. In addition, that war generated thousands of widows and disabled veterans who their suffering still continuous until now It also increased crime level and corruption into high levels among Iraqi community. I am talking about those negative effects to that war after 20 years when it was ended, but didn't talk about atrocious effects during that war at the time because it is a difficult to be mentioned here in little lines.

In end, Saddam's regime and Mullah's regime are both responsible to continuance that war for 8 years and killing hundreds thousands of innocent Iraqis and Iranians during that war without any sensible reason although many good wills some countries offered to both regimes to ending that war, but all these good wills failed to convince both regimes in Baghdad and Tehran to return to the mind and dialogue language to stopping blood bleeding of Iranians and Iraqis because each side of that war was adhered to his situation and not ready to compromise with another side.

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