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1991

In Saddam Hussein's wartime Iraq, "it is clear that allied air raids have inflicted severe hardship on almost every family," *Newsweek* reported. Two days later, the U.S.-led coalition began a ground invasion of Iraqi-occupied Kuwait which forced Hussein's troops to retreat within the week and ultimately ended the Gulf War. Over three decades later, the U.S. is resuming military operations in Iraq in response to an attack allegedly led by the Iran-backed Iraqi militia, Kataib Hezbollah, which killed three American soldiers. As of February 5, the U.S. hit over 85 targets, killing nearly 40 people.



1981

"Vast reserves of water from underground aquifers are being used up," warned *Newsweek*. Decades later, the U.S. continues to face a water crisis, exemplified by the precarious state of the Colorado River Basin, the source of water for more than one in 10 Americans, due to an extended drought.



2005

"Autism, a vexing brain disorder, remains largely a mystery," *Newsweek* said, highlighting "a tenfold spike in numbers over the past 20 years—one in every 166 children." Today, according to 2020 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in 36 children have autism, with boys almost four times as likely to be diagnosed than girls. **N**