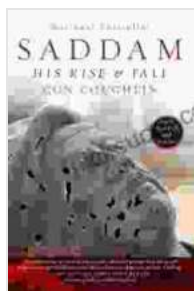


# Saddam Hussein: The King of Terror - A Comprehensive Analysis by Con Coughlin

Saddam Hussein, the former president of Iraq, was one of the most brutal dictators of the 20th century. His regime was characterized by widespread human rights abuses, including torture, executions, and chemical warfare. Saddam Hussein was also a major sponsor of terrorism, and his regime was responsible for the deaths of thousands of innocent people around the world.

## Early Life and Rise to Power

Saddam Hussein was born in Tikrit, Iraq, in 1937. He grew up in a poor family, and his father died when he was young. Saddam Hussein was a rebellious child, and he was frequently in trouble with the authorities. He joined the Ba'ath Party, a pan-Arab nationalist organization, in 1957. The Ba'ath Party seized power in Iraq in 1968, and Saddam Hussein quickly rose through the ranks. He became president of Iraq in 1979.



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## **The Iran-Iraq War**

One of the most significant events of Saddam Hussein's presidency was the Iran-Iraq War, which lasted from 1980 to 1988. The war began when Iraq invaded Iran, hoping to seize control of the oil-rich Khuzestan province. The war was a bloody stalemate, and neither side was able to achieve its objectives. Saddam Hussein used chemical weapons against Iranian forces during the war, killing thousands of people.

## **The Gulf War**

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, a small oil-rich country on its southern border. The invasion was condemned by the United Nations, and a coalition of international forces was assembled to expel Iraq from Kuwait. The Gulf War began in January 1991, and it lasted six weeks. The coalition forces quickly defeated the Iraqi army, and Saddam Hussein was forced to withdraw from Kuwait.

## **The Post-War Period**

After the Gulf War, Iraq was subject to a series of United Nations sanctions. The sanctions were designed to prevent Iraq from developing weapons of mass destruction, but they also had a devastating impact on the Iraqi economy. Saddam Hussein remained in power, but his regime was weakened by the sanctions and by the growing opposition within Iraq.

## **The Iraq War**

In 2003, the United States invaded Iraq, overthrowing Saddam Hussein's regime. The invasion was based on the belief that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction, but no such weapons were ever found. The Iraq War

was a long and bloody conflict, and it lasted until 2011. Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces in 2003, and he was executed in 2006.

## **Legacy**

Saddam Hussein was one of the most brutal dictators of the 20th century. His regime was responsible for the deaths of thousands of innocent people, and he was a major sponsor of terrorism. Saddam Hussein's legacy will be one of violence and tyranny.

## **Additional Information**

- Saddam Hussein was married three times and had seven children.
- Saddam Hussein was a devout Sunni Muslim.
- Saddam Hussein was a close ally of the Soviet Union during the Cold War.
- Saddam Hussein was a ruthless dictator who used fear and intimidation to control his people.
- Saddam Hussein was eventually overthrown by a U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

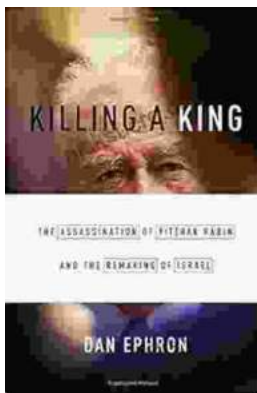
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