War in the Gulf:
A Medical Assessment

The best medical estimates of casualties in a Gulf war are:

DEAD: U.S. and allied soldiers: 10,000.
Iraqi soldiers: 35,000.
Civilians: tens of thousands.

WOUNDED: U.S. and allied soldiers: 40,000.
Iraqi soldiers: 115,000.
Civilians: hundreds of thousands.

That's just in the first 12 days.

And that's assuming no use of the chemical weapons (2000 tons) or nuclear weapons (more than 400) already in the region.

In the wars of the 1980s, *84% of all casualties were civilians.* There are 20 million civilians in Iraq and Kuwait, most living near the likeliest targets of attack.

A Gulf war could create hundreds of thousands of refugees, destroy transportation, hospitals, housing, food supplies, clean water and sanitation, and increase the risk of epidemic cholera and typhoid.

In sum, a major war in the Gulf would inflict an enormous cost in human life.

There is an alternative: maintain sanctions for as long as it takes to reach a peaceful solution.

You can prevent this war.

Call your Representative and Senators in Congress today. Their number is (202) 224-3121.

Call the President. His number is (202) 456-1111.

Tell them to save lives. Prevent war in the Gulf.

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