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In this image from television, a jet of the supplies from one of the towers of the World Trade Center in New York after a plane crashed into it. The aircraft was the second to fly into the towers this morning.

## Plane smashes into Pentagon, shuts down D.C.

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# 'WE GOT HIM'

## U.S. forces capture Saddam near hometown

### Bush declares vindication for policy for war

President Bush yesterday declared the capture of Saddam Hussein vindication for America's policy of "patience and resolve and focused action" in prosecuting the war in Iraq.

"The war on terror is a different kind of war, waged against a regime that has defied us for a decade," the president said from the White House Cabinet Room in a three-minute address to the nation.

Although Democrats have complained since the end of major combat on May 1 that Mr. Bush had failed to capture or kill the Iraq dictator, the president has vowed in a speech after the past few months that U.S. armed forces would sooner or later find and punish Saddam.

Yesterday, the president said that doctrine stands.

"That is our strategy moving forward," said Mr. Bush, who did not smile once while delivering the brief news on Iraq that his administration has received to date.

"Our security is assured by our performance and by our sure belief in the success of liberty. And the United States of America will not relent until this war is won."

Democrats scrambled to react to the news yesterday, with White House setting up a new strategy.

House hopeful Wesley Clark setting up a new strategy of success for the president.

"I hope this will see a diminishing in the violence against American soldiers in Iraq," said the general, just hours after Mr. Bush warned that Saddam's capture will not solve all the problems in Iraq.

"Their work continues on and so do the risks," said Gen. BUSH, page A14



### Former dictator 'caught like rat,' didn't fight back

By Booth Potter  
Special to The Washington Times

BAGHDAD — U.S. authorities yesterday announced the capture of a pinched and wretched-looking Saddam Hussein in a hole in the ground near his hometown of Tikrit, ending an intensive eight-month search for the world's most wanted man.

"Ladies and gentlemen, we got him," said Lt. Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator in Iraq, at the opening of a stunning Baghdad news conference. Iraqi journalists led the audience in a spontaneous burst of cheers and applause, which was soon followed by shouts, tears and celebratory gunfire in the streets outside.

The capture ended one of the biggest manhunt in history after dozens of false leads and heartened a U.S.-led coalition that hoped the arrest would be a turning point in the struggle to restore stability to Iraq.

Acting on a tip, a U.S. task force seized Saddam at a rural farm, 16 miles from his hometown of Tikrit, and brought him to a secure site.

Saddam was captured without resistance.

U.S. forces moved to a secure site at 8:14 a.m. on Saturday.

The dejected former dictator, captured with a bushy salt-and-pepper beard and tangled hair, was taken to a secure site.

Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of the 4th Infantry Division, which arrested him, said the humiliation would deter loyalists who continue to attack coalition forces.

Justified: President Bush said the capture of Saddam Hussein backs up America's policy of "patience and resolve and focused action."

### 44 And now the former dictator of Iraq will face the justice he denied to millions.

— President Bush

### OPERATION RED DAWN

**Saturday**  
10:00 a.m. U.S. forces receive intelligence on Saddam Hussein's possible whereabouts.

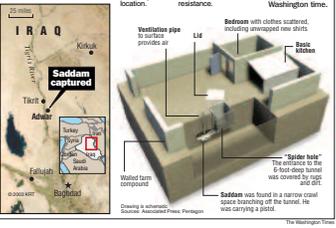
**6:00 p.m.** About 600 soldiers begin moving in under cover of darkness.

**8:00 p.m.** The raiding force finds two objectives and sets in a third suspicious location.

**8:20 p.m.** Saddam is found hiding and is captured without resistance.

**8:14 p.m.** Saddam is moved to a secure site.

**Yesterday**  
11:44 p.m. President Bush receives confirmation of Saddam's capture at 8:14 a.m. in Washington time.



### Diligent hunters track down prey

By Rowan Scarborough  
The Washington Times

The world's most intense military manhunt began on the Iraq war's first night, March 19, when American stealth fighters dropped four bombs on a compound in south Baghdad thought to hold Saddam Hussein.

The hunt ended Saturday night at a farmhouse on the Tigris River. Saddam, a brutal leader who had built scores of ornate palaces for himself and his family, was found huddled in a hole 8 feet deep, its entrance hidden by bricks, plastic foam and a rug.

There were no gold-plating fixtures. The only anomaly were a metal art vase and an exhaust fan. The bearded ex-dictator chose not to use his address on his American captors — or on himself. The man whose ill-fated regime murdered more than 60,000 countrymen surrendered without a fight.

The story of the hunt for Saddam, 66, is a mix of false leads, a shift to how the U.S.-led coalition collected intelligence, and at least two failed bombing raids.

More details of how Saddam eluded American forces and how he was finally captured are set to be revealed in the coming days.

Saddam was held in a narrow room, some 200 feet long, with a hole in the wall for a toilet.

Gen. HUNT, page A13

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### 'A hopeful day has arrived' in Iraq

By Wesley Pruden  
The Washington Times

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U.S. forces celebrate the capture of Saddam Hussein.