

THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

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THE WAR ON TERROR BEGAN IN 1979 UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF JIMMY CARTER WHEN IRANIAN EXTREMISTS OCCUPIED THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TEHRAN AND HELD U.S. CITIZENS HOSTAGE FOR 444 DAYS. MUSLIM TERRORISTS BOMBED THE U.S. EMBASSY AND MARINE BARRACKS IN BEIRUT, LEBANON (1983), HIJACKED TWA FLIGHT 847, WHERE THEY TORTOURED AND MURDERED AN AMERICAN SAILOR (1985), HIJACKED THE PASSENGER SHIP ACHILLE LAURO (1985), PLACED A BOMB ABOARD PAN AM FLIGHT 103 OVER LOCKERBIE, SCOTLAND (1988), BOMBED THE WORLD TRADE CENTER (1993), BOMBED U.S. FORCES AT KHOBAR TOWERS IN SAUDI ARABIA (1996), BOMBED U.S.EMBASSIES IN KENYA AND TANZANIA (1998), AND EXECUTED A SUICIDE ATTACK ON THE USS COLE IN THE YEMENI PORT OF ADEN (2000). TERROR ATTACKS ON THE WORLD TRADE CENTER AND THE PENTAGON ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 KILLED NEARLY 3,000 AMERICANS AND PROMPTED PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH TO DIRECT A U.S. MILITARY RESPONSE AND TROOPS TO FIGHT IN AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ, AND WHEREVER TERRORISTS MIGHT BE..

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