

Participation of India in Gulf War 1990 study shows the agility of Indian foreign policy Explain (200 words)

Traditional India and Iraq is friendly country. cultural interaction and economic trade since Indus valley and mesopotamia date back to 1800 BCE. Even After Independence in 1947. Iraq is the first country to have friendly relation with republic India. some Treaty of friendship established in 1952. Even Iraq

→ Even Iraq as one of the country from West India given fully support in Kashmir issue and East Pakistan partition issue.

→ Iraq was the major exporter of crude oil to India.

Respective of all this Iraq During Iran - Kuwait crisis / Gulf war India took Pro-US stance. Even India is the first country to recognise the Baathist regime when it came to power. When the Gulf War start India maintained non-aligned stance and rejected Iraq demands linking the hostilities that were unfolding them with Palestinian conflict.

War took place from August 1990 and February 1991. But India evacuated largest number of Indians - 175000 member (Indian Citizens) from Kuwait, the biggest such operation operation by Indian Government that time. India is was the largest importer of oil from Iraq & Kuwait about 40%. During Gulf War US cabinet sanctioned ban on Iraq. Which created greater depression to India economic. Where India brought crude oil from Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and Venezuela. Respective all this India supported many medical Assistant to Iraq during war and after war.

After war also India and Iraq maintaining friendly relation and having many bilateral agreement.