



## Iraq/Kuwait - UNIKOM - Facts and Figures

United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

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Location	<b>Iraq/Kuwait</b>
Headquarters	<b>Umm Qasr, Iraq</b>
Duration	<b>April 1991 to October 2003</b>
Chief Military Observer	<b>Major-General Gunther Greindl (Austria)</b> April 1991 – July 1992 <b>Major-General Timothy K. Dibuama (Ghana)</b> July 1992 – August 1993 <b>Brigadier-General Vigar Aabrek (Norway (Acting))</b> August – December 1993 <b>Major-General Krishna N.S. Thapa (Nepal)</b> December 1993* *[As of 1 January 1994, General Thapa's appointment was changed to that of the Force Commander to reflect the addition of the mechanized infantry battalion to UNIKOM]
Force Commander	<b>Major-General Krishna N.S. Thapa (Nepal)</b> January 1994 – December 1995 <b>Major-General Gian Giuseppe Santillo (Italy)</b> December 1995 – November 1997 <b>Major-General Esa Kalervo Tarvainen (Finland)</b> December 1997 – November 1999 <b>Major-General John Vize (Ireland)</b> November 1999 – November 2001 <b>Major-General Miguel Moreno (Argentina)</b> November 2001 – November 2002 <b>Major-General Franciszek Gagor (Poland)</b> January 2003 – July 2003 <b>Brigadier-General Upinder Singh Klair (India)</b> August 2003 – October 2003
Strength	Initially authorized (3 April 1991): <b>300 military observers supported by international and local civilian staff</b> Subsequent authorization (5 February 1993): <b>3,645 all ranks, including 300 military observers supported by international and local civilian staff</b> Maximum (28 February 1995): <b>1,187 all ranks, including 254 military observers supported by international and local civilian staff</b> At withdrawal (30 September 2003): <b>Four military observers (from Hungary, Italy, Pakistan and the Russian Federation) supported by a total of 131 civilian staff, 38 of whom were recruited internationally and 93 locally</b>
Contributors of Military Personnel*	<b>Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh (including the mechanized infantry battalion), Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy,</b>

**Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation (Soviet Union before 24 December 1991), Senegal, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela**

\*[In addition, during the setting-up phase (April–June 1991), UNIKOM included five infantry companies, drawn from UNFICYP and UNIFIL. Those troops were provided by Austria, Denmark, Fiji, Ghana and Nepal. There was also a logistic company from Sweden.]

Fatalities

**8 military personnel  
5 military observers  
4 international civilian staff  
1 local staff**

**18 total**

Financial Aspects

Method of financing:

**Assessments in respect of a Special Account\***

\*[From 1 November 1993 through the completion of the Mission, two thirds of the operation's costs were borne by Kuwait. The remainder was met by assessed contributions of Member States]

Expenditures:

**Approximately \$600.0 million (from inception through June 2003)**