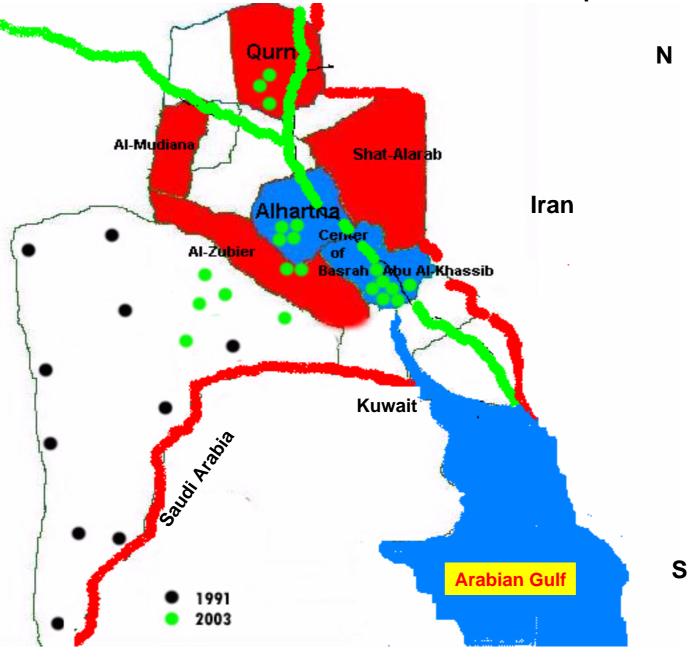


Introduction

- Radiation from any source is one of the factors which induce cancers and birth defects in babies and abortion in pregnant women.
- low level radiation is more dangerous because of the prolonged exposure.
- DU is used for the first time in history during 1991 gulf war and repeated again in 2003 gulf war. In 2003 the DU is dropped on the civilian residency areas (300 sites all over Iraq).

Nominated contaminated areas with DU in Basrah province



NATURAL&DEPLETED URANIUM

Uranium	U ²³⁸ %	U ²³⁶ %	U ²³⁵ %	U ²³⁴ %
Natural	99.2749	0.0	0.7196	0.005
Depleted	99.7947	0.003	0.2015	0.0008
Table (1)				

Routes of contamination with DU

1- Internal exposure:

- Inhalation of DU particles
- Wounds contamination by DU particles or shrapnel.
- Ingestion of soluble oxides of DU (absorption is more in children than in adults)

2- External exposure

What happen after contamination with DU

- Respirable particles < than 5 microns will stay in the lungs for long time and cause lung cancer and damage the lung tissues causing lung fibrosis and asthma like syndrome. particles might move to regional lymph nodes causing lymphoma.
- DUO which is partly soluble might be absorbed through the digestive tract or the lungs and distributed all over the body to affect important organs like nervous system, liver and kidney.
- DU affects the tubular functions of the kidneys leading to stone formation then kidney failure (heavy metal toxicity).
- DU affects the cell DNA, chromosomes and genes and leads to changes in the rapidly growing cells like the bone marrow cells, producing leukemia, in lymph nodes it causes lymphomas and other types of cancers in any organ.











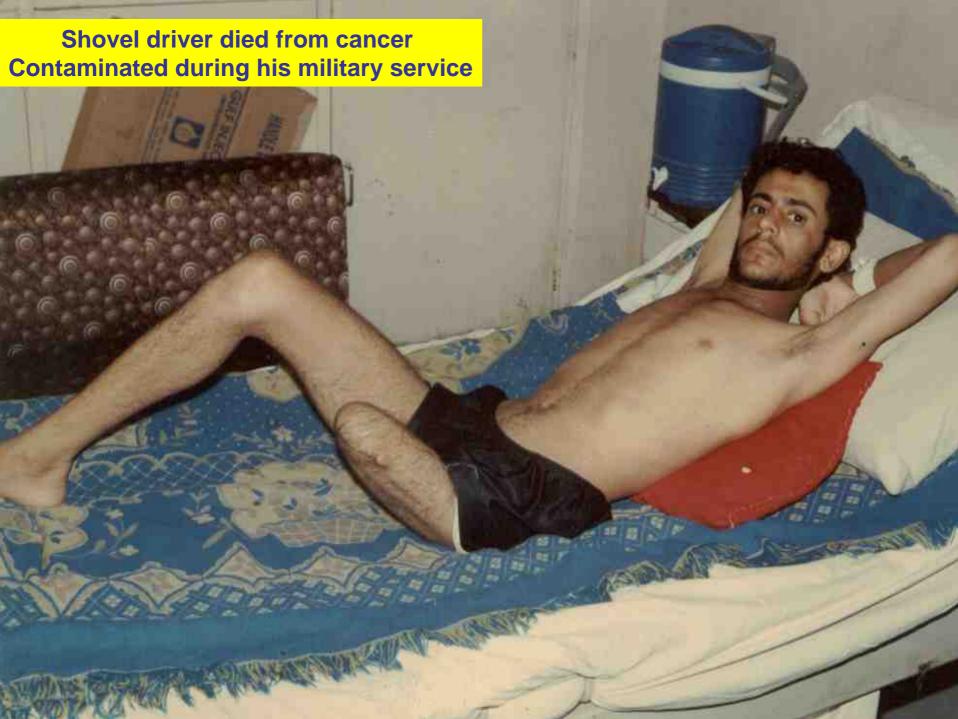




Measurement from areas contaminated in 1991

• Sample U²³⁸ Bq/kg U²³⁵/U²³⁸

- Soil 1964.91- 67.73 0.0021-26
- Surface water -
- Ground water
- Wild plants 32.51 11.48
- Vegetables -
- Air filters (mBq/m³) 23.4



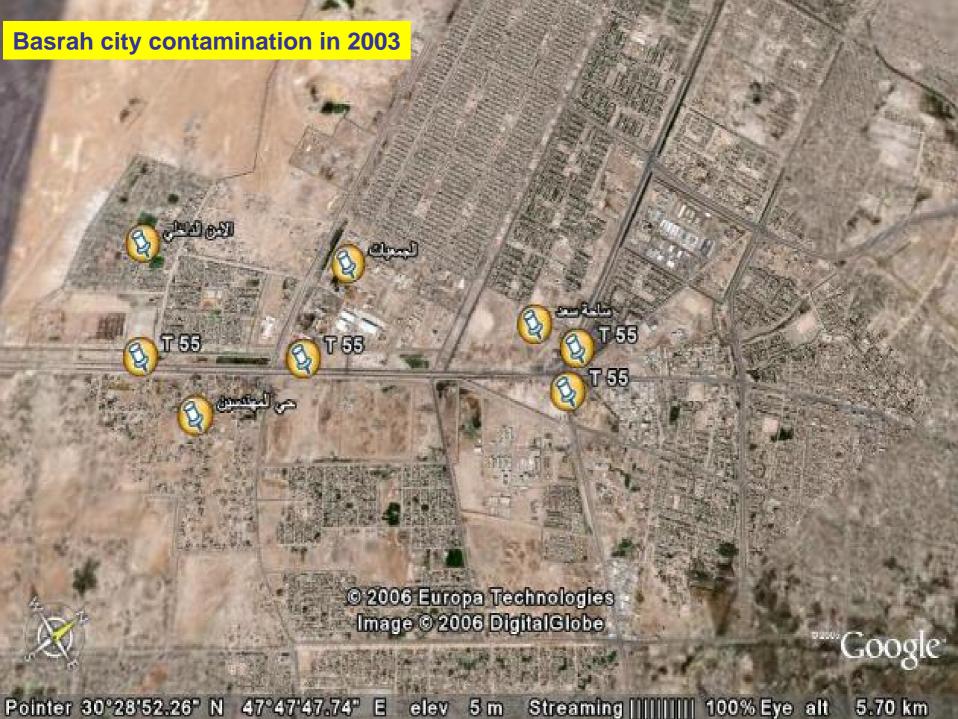






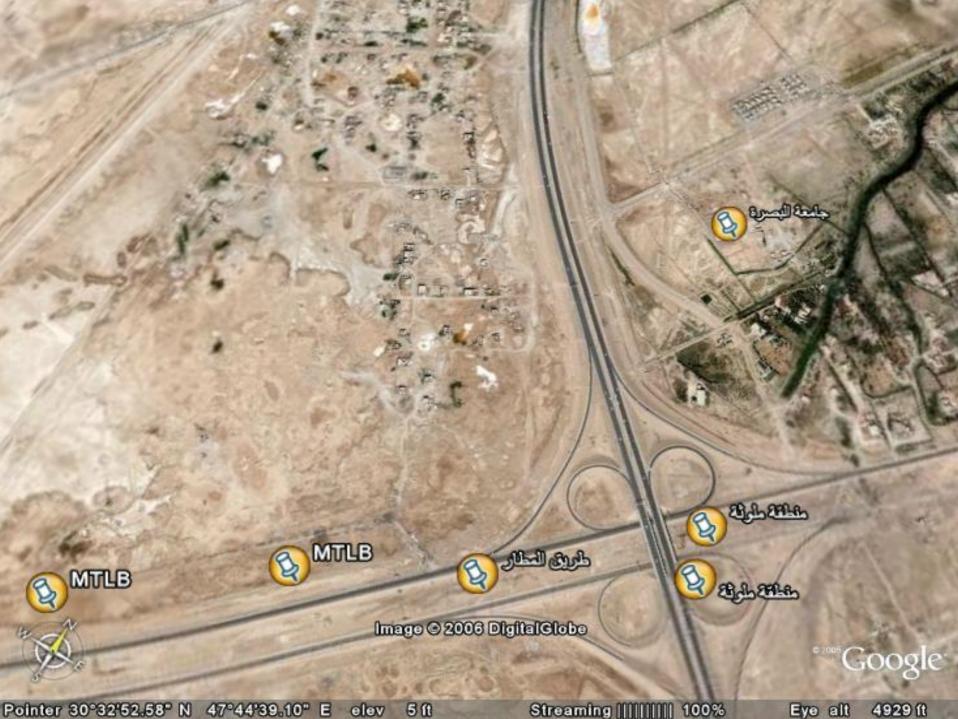






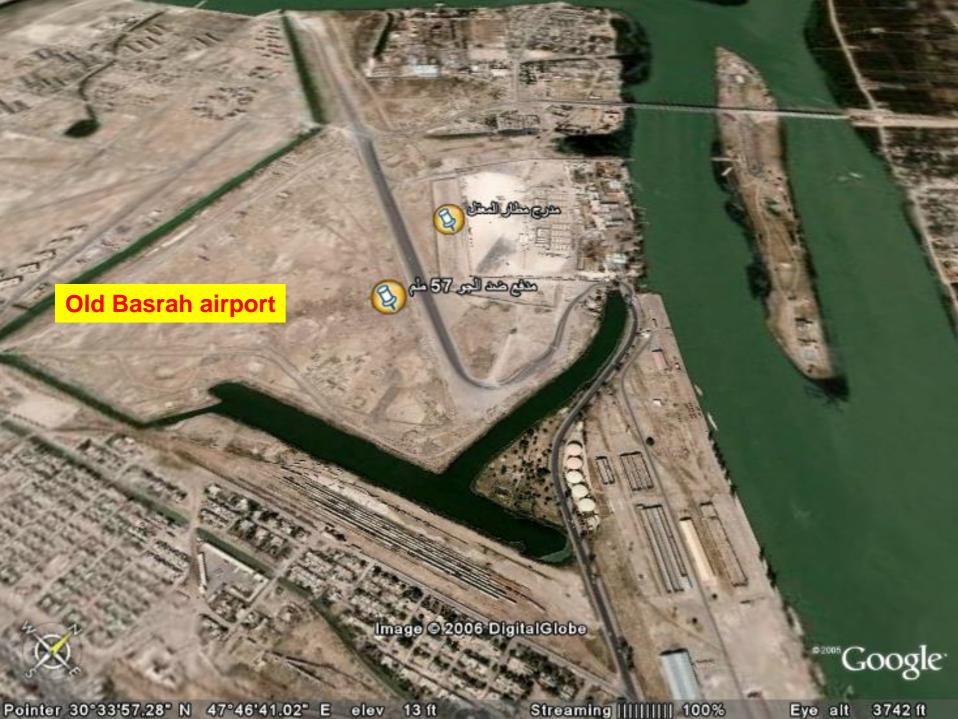


Pointer 30°26'44.57" N 47°45'57.98" Streaming | | | | | | | 100% Eye alt 1.74 km elev 3 m











DU Contamination in 2003

• Sample U²³⁸ Bq/kg U²³⁵/U²³⁸

• Soil 519.66 – 4.82 0.0022

• Surface water 8.67

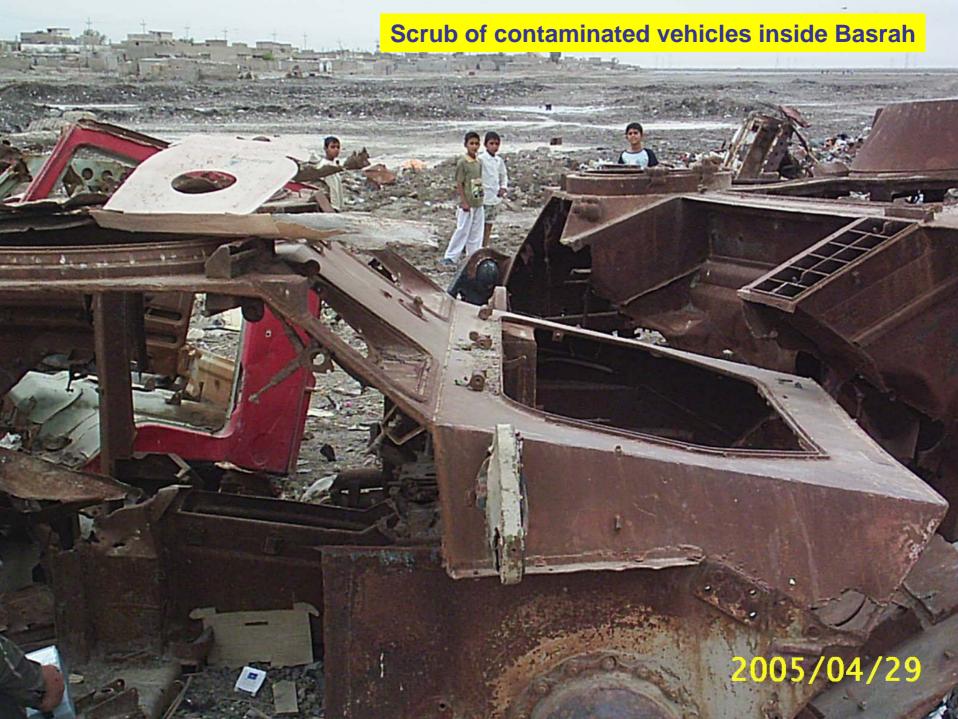
Ground water

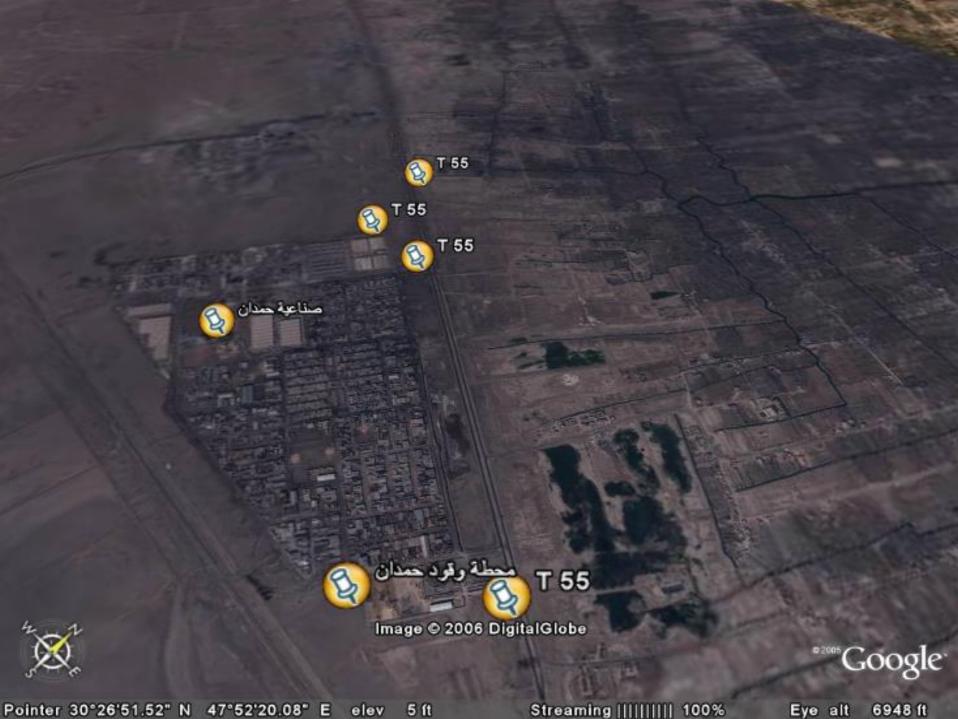
Wild plants

Vegetables -

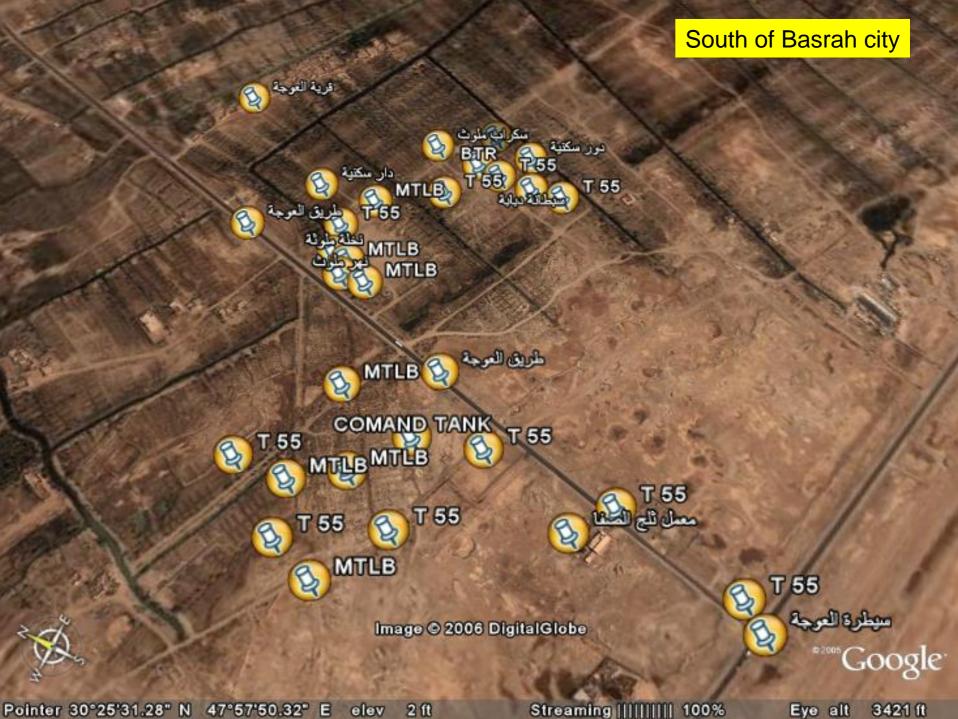
• Air filters (mBq/m³) 3.7















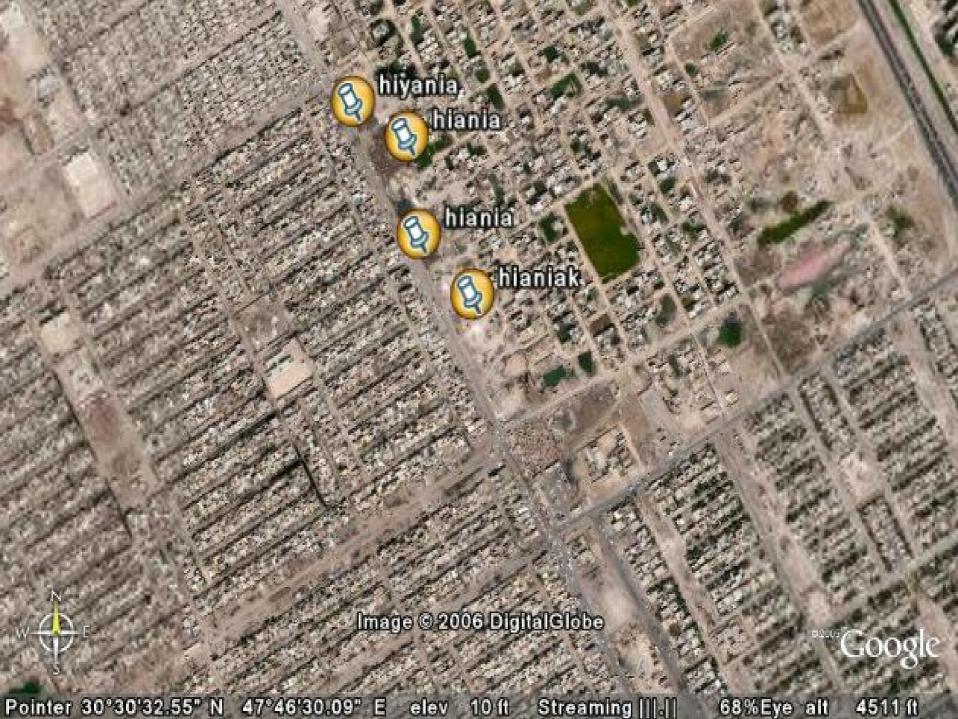


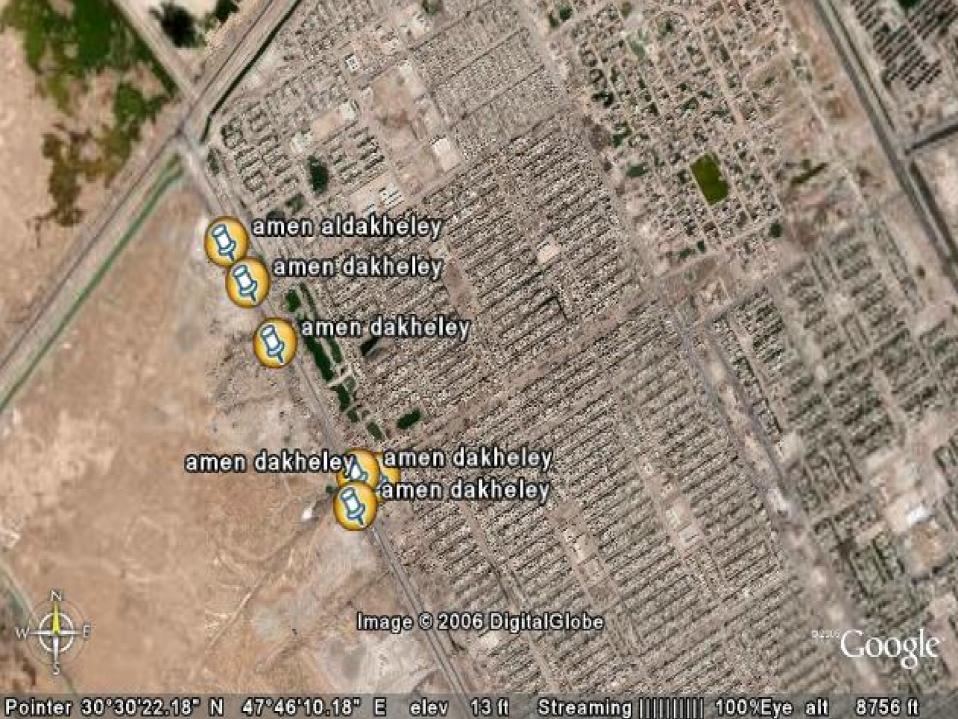












DU contamination after 2003 gulf war

<u>Sample</u>	U238 Bq/kg	U235/U23
Soil	1869.21 – 129.61	0.0022-23
Surface water	<i>56.71 – 8.52</i>	
Ground water		
Wild plants	-	
Vegetables	-	
Air filters (mBo	ı/m3)	

The victims after 2003 gulf war

 The victims include children with cancers, familial clustering of cancers and birth defects



4years old girl with ovarian tumour







Children with bone cancer who had amputation of arms























