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Christmas Came Early

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In response to Saddam Hussein's capture, President Bush said, "Good riddance."

However he also cautions that the latest progress in Operation Iraqi Freedom may not result in a decrease in the latest Iraqi resurgence.

Meanwhile, newspapers and online news sources are flooded with photos of the many people still celebrating the capture of the deposed Iraqi dictator (see pictures at right).

Saddam was discovered, through intelligence to be hiding in a 6'x 8' dugout underneath a farmhouse outside of his hometown of Tikrit, within seeing distance of one of his former presidential palaces.

Hussein was captured late Saturday night by American forces in Operation Red Dawn.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez describes the hole that Hussein hid in a 'spider hole' in reference to the size of its entrance.

Saddam was apparently armed, but understood that using force would cost him his life.

According to National Public Radio, Hussein told soldiers "I am Saddam Hussein, President of Iraq, and I want to negotiate."

A haggard Hussein appeared on CNN later, which reported that Hussein was not cooperating with interrogators.



CNN - Saddam Hussein shortly after his capture on Saturday, Dec. 13.



Toronto Star - Celebration of Iraqi citizens in Bagdad with banners reading "Free Country and happy citizens."



Toronto Star - Floridian celebrates Saddam Hussein's capture while vacationing in New York.