

The Cable News Network

-broadcaster created by Ted Turner in
June 1, 1980.



- CNN company first introduced the concept in the world of 24-hour broadcasting news.
- As of June 1, 2005, CNN consisted of 14 different news cable and satellite channels, two radio stations, six websites and 37 foreign offices

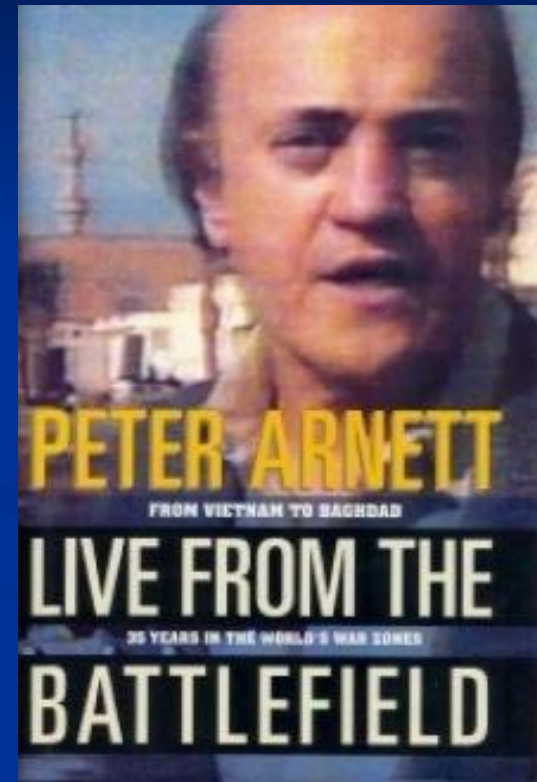
- One of the key moments in the history of CNN was organized in January 1991, coverage of the Gulf War - the first military action of this magnitude were shown on live television. TV reports from the field in the Persian Gulf considerably strengthened the prestige of CNN around the clock as a source of international news.





- The first Persian Gulf War in 1991 was a watershed event for CNN that catapulted the channel past the "big three" American networks for the first time in its history, largely due to an unprecedented, historical scoop: CNN was the only news outlet with the ability to communicate from inside Iraq during the initial hours of the Coalition bombing campaign, with live reports from the al-Rashid Hotel in Baghdad by reporters Bernard Shaw, John Holliman, and Peter Arnett.

- Operation Desert Storm as captured live on a CNN night vision camera with reporters narrating.
- The moment when bombing began was announced on CNN by Bernard Shaw on January 16, 1991 as follows: “This is Bernie Shaw. Something is happening outside...Peter Arnett, join me here. Let's describe to our viewers what we're seeing...The skies over Baghdad have been illuminated...We're seeing bright flashes going off all over the sky. ”





- Because it was unable to immediately broadcast live pictures from Baghdad, CNN's coverage of the initial hours of the Gulf War had the dramatic feel of a radio broadcast—and was compared to the legendary CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow's gripping live radio reports of the German bombing of London during World War II. Despite the lack of live pictures, CNN's coverage was carried by TV stations and networks around the world, resulting in CNN being watched by over a billion viewers worldwide—a feat that led to the subsequent creation of CNN International.



- CNN was the first cable news channel to break the news of the September 11 attacks.[Anchor Carol Lin was on the air to deliver the first public report of the event.
- Sean Murtagh, CNN vice-president of finance and administration, was the first network employee on the air. He called into CNN Center from his office at CNN New York bureau and said that a commercial jet hit the Trade Center.

- Daryn Kagan and Leon Harris were live on the air just after 9 a.m. ET as the second plane hit the World Trade Center and through an interview with CNN correspondent David Ensor, reported the news that U.S. officials determined "that this is a terrorist act." Later, Aaron Brown anchored through the day and night as the attacks unfolded. Brown had just come to CNN from ABC to be the breaking news anchor.





- The former head of CNN, now the new head of the Governing Council of the Audiovisual U.S. Walter Isaacson said Russia and Russia Today channel enemy of the U.S.

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