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Sen. Cotton: Iran War Would Only Take a Few Days

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Remember that big disastrous US war in the Middle East and how officials at the time were assuring us it'd only take a few days? Sen. Tom Cotton (R – AR) remembers how popular those quick easy wars were in theory, and is pushing for one again.

The target is obvious for those following Sen. Cotton's career, he wants the US to "pursue military strikes" against Iran, a war he believes would only take a few days to win outright.

Sen. Cotton is citing the mostly forgotten December 1998 US war on Iraq as the model, saying the US won after several days of attacking Iraq for "disobeying Security Council resolutions."

The reason the war is mostly forgotten is because it killed a couple thousand people, didn't resolve anything, and was just a brief escalation amid sanctions that killed far, far more.

The US attacked Iraq falsely in 1998 over WMDs, then kept harping about it for four and a half more years until the 2003 invasion and occupation, which was similarly launched over false claims of WMDs. It hardly seems a model for anything, though Cotton is keen for Obama to follow the example of Bill Clinton and kill a couple thousand people in Iran just to show how serious the US is.