

## Iraq's Bastille Day

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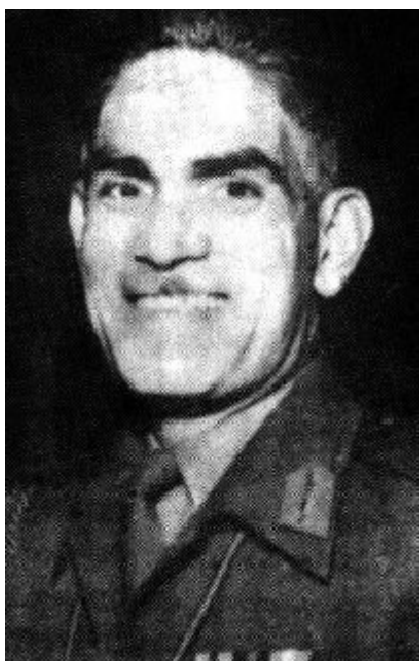
On the 14th July 1958, a popular revolution overthrew the British imposed royal regime, which had opened the door wide for Western monopolies to plunder the country's oil wealth, under unjust concessions.

In fact, it took until the 17th of July 1968 before the country's oil was rescued from the control of international capital. It was subsequently consolidated in the Oil Nationalisation Bill in 1972.

Lesson to Bush, Blair and now Brown: Listen to history.

### Editor's Note

The military insurrection, which overthrew Britain's puppet head of State King Faisal II was led by General Qassim,



**Abdul-Karim Qassim**

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