



"*Blood and Sand : A Mirage Story*" is a fictional 5 mission campaign for the Mirage 2000C, fully voiced-over, taking place during Iran-Iraq War.

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Mods needed : M-2000C, Persian Gulf map.

Situation

November 1987. The war has been lasting for more than 7 years. On the ground, the outcome of the fights is uncertain. In the sky, Iranian F-14s have no challenger. Despite daring and often successful air fights, the Iraqi Mirages F1EQ can't contest the Tomcat's superiority and must also carry out ground and antiship strikes. But there is good news for Iraq.

After an unexpected breakthrough, Iraqi troops seized Shiraz Air Base, offering an outstanding bridgehead in Iranian territory.

Next, Iraq has ordered the brand new Dassault Mirage 2000. And the two first aircrafts are just coming from France.

Iraqi Air Force (IQAF) has decided to deploy them at Shiraz Air Base and use them in their best role : air interception.



Limitations

IQAF never had Mirage 2000. But in the 80s, Iraq was seriously considering an order ... never finalized due to the end of war, the bankruptcy that followed and the invasion of Kuwait.

Iraqi troops never went to Shiraz. But there is no Iraqi base on the DCS Persian Gulf Map so it is a convenient workaround.

To do

Copy "Blood and Sand (A Mirage Story)" folder into
C:\Users\\Saved Games\DCS\Missions\Campaigns

For a better immersion, I highly recommend to install these 2 liveries :

<https://www.digitalcombatsimulator.com/en/files/3312276/> for the Mirage 2000. Install in
C:\Users\\Saved Games\DCS\Liveries\M-2000C

<https://www.digitalcombatsimulator.com/en/files/3320065/> (only "F-14A-135-GR" is needed) for the F-14. Install in
C:\Users\\Saved Games\DCS\Liveries\
Version 1.0 used another F-14 skin
(<https://www.digitalcombatsimulator.com/en/files/3307715/>) but it doesn't exist anymore.

You probably already know it but if you are not a Mirage 2000 veteran, download the excellent Chuck's guide :
<https://chucksguides.com/>

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Apr 1989, Bagdad expo, Serge Dassault, is showing the model of the new Mirage 2000S (S for "Strike") with Iraqi colors beside the model of a Mirage F1EQ already working in Iraq.