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One of the unresolved legacies of the Gulf War is the fate of the Kurds of Northern Iraq. In this issue Michael Gunter explores the long-standing and ambivalent relationship between the Kurds and the United States government. He concludes that the Gulf War aftermath has provided a unique opportunity for the Kurds to assert their autonomy within Iraq, to an unprecedented degree, in spite of Iraqi depredations. How long they can do so, however, is an open question.

The post-Cold War world has been characterized by the re-emergence of many ancient sources of conflict. Robert Mandel examines one source which has both pre-dated and transcended the Cold War, and which is likely to gain significance in years to come: water. Focusing on disputes involving international river basins, he employs a new model to explain the sources of such disputes and then uses case studies to test hypotheses about distinctive patterns of river basin conflicts. His conclusions suggest a need for policy makers to focus conflict resolution efforts on river basins with the highest potential for conflict -- those where existing antagonism, environmental imbalances, and power asymmetries provide ready fuel for a conflagration to be ignited, by water.

Cyrille Fijnaut follows up Bob de Graaff's earlier essay in *Conflict Quarterly* on the Dutch Security Service with an examination of Dutch counter-terrorism methods. Because of their leading role in this field, he focuses on the role of the various police forces. Considerable attention is devoted to their intelligence tasks. He concludes that Dutch political culture and the nature of the terrorist threat has produced a uniquely Dutch "controlled" response, which may not be appropriate elsewhere.

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