T.V. to have its own war pool failed. If someone had thought about it then dependency on American filmed material could have been avoided and maybe a lot of money could have been saved.

## 45 Everything for the readers

## PABLO HERRERA

The author of this article was a first-hand witness of the explosion of the last Scud of the Gulf war. At that point of the war nobody bothered going to he shelters. The journalist was talking to his wife on the phone when the alarm sirens went off and the anti-missile Patriot missiles were deployed at the Dahran base. He even took the phone away from his ear so that his wife could live the resounding moment. Later, when phoning in the news to his paper they reduced his item to a few lines at the end of the article. "We've got to close the paper and can't waste time". "I could have died" thought the journalist. Later, however, he recalled his condition of war correspondent, alongside colleagues from all over the world. "A lucky man", even though he could only write a few lines. The author recalls the taking of kuwait, which he witnessed, as a personal and professional experience. He relates the episodes of the liberation of the capital of kuwait city and the advance on Iraq, along with other colleagues from the Spanish media. The journalists could only briefly witness the cruelty of the post war period in which thousands of people have starved, or are still suffering from hunger and deprivation.

## 53 Top-motch reporters

## JOAQUÍN LUNA

The journalist who wrote this article sketches in comments which stem from the final events in the Gulf. Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait which were, in his opinion, brief stages albeit full of professional experiences.

He analyses who, in fact were, in general, the journalists sent by Spain to the Middle East. They were not top-notch reporters or famous

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