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## Situation Update – Historic Security Council

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## Situation Update- 07/08/1990

The Security Council has been alarmed by the recent developments in the Persian Gulf region and seeks to resolve the crisis in its next meeting. Kindly study the crisis at hand carefully. The crisis has been given below following the timeline of events.

### 15/07/1990

Mr. Saddam Hussein, President of Iraq, raised numerous allegations against their neighbouring country Kuwait. Mr. Hussein claimed that Kuwait is responsible for stealing oil from Al-Rumaila Oil field which lies on the Iraqi side of the Iraq-Kuwait border. Iraq also threatened military action in response.

### 24/07/1990

Deployment of Iraqi troops were reported along the Iraq-Kuwait border. Sources claim that by 24th of July, 1990, There was a huge military buildup along the border.

### 02/08/1990

100,000 Iraqi troops were ordered to invade into the territory of Kuwait. This war between Iraq and Kuwait was labelled as the Battle of Dasman Palace. Due to the invasion of the Iraqi troops, Emir Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Emir of Kuwait fled to Saudi Arabia with his family and ministers. The UN Security Council held a meeting to discuss the happenings in the Persian Gulf region and adopted resolution 660 condemning the invasion conducted by Iraq.

### 04/08/1990

After taking control over the territory of Kuwait, Mr. Saddam Hussein declared to be Iraq's 19th province and named his cousin, Ali Hassan Al-Majid, as its military-governor

### 06/08/1990

The UN Security Council adopted resolution 661 imposing international economic sanctions on Iraq putting restrictions on trade and other economic activities of Iraq.

### 07/08/1990

After a meeting between United States Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and King of Saudi Arabia Fahd in Riyadh, 15,000 U.S. troops, 32 destroyers and 100 helicopters and fighter planes were deployed in Saudi Arabia to defend it in case of an Iraqi invasion. US Navy ships were also deployed in the Persian Gulf. These actions taken by the US marked the commencement of US led mission "Operation Desert Shield" in the Persian Gulf.

A Security Council meeting has been called with the purpose of resolving the dispute and bringing peace to the Persian Gulf region.

### Questions to Consider

- Q1. What caused the Iraq invasion of Kuwait?
- Q2. How does the invasion hold up in front of the international community?
- Q3. Is International mediation and foreign involvement in the war required?
- Q4. Is Iraq liable to be sanctioned?
- Q5. What is the possible course of action to resolve the conflict?
- Q6. What is the legality behind the invasion?
- Q7. Should the US be deploying its troops in the Persian Gulf?
- Q8. What is the possible course of action with regard to Operation Desert Shield?