

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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TO PRIORITY KUWAIT
TELEGRAM NUMBER 66 OF 16 FEBRUARY
AND TO PRIORITY BAHRAIN, DOHA

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MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER ON GULF CO-OPERATION

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTERS OF KUWAIT AND BAHRAIN AND THE AMIR OF QATAR. SHE IS SENDING SEPARATE BUT SIMILAR MESSAGES TO SAUDI ARABIA, OMAN AND THE UAE.

I WAS VERY PLEASED TO LEARN OF THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE MEETING OF GULF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN RIYADH ON 4 FEBRUARY. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARAB GULF CO-OPERATION COUNCIL IS THE CULMINATION OF DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH I KNOW THAT YOUR HIGHNESS (YOUR EXCELLENCY) HAS TAKEN A CLOSE INTEREST. I AM CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL PLAY A VALUABLE ROLE IN CONFRONTING THE DANGERS TO WHICH THE GULF REGION HAS BEEN EXPOSED.

THE STABILITY AND SECURITY OF THE GULF IS OF VITAL INTEREST TO US ALL. IF THERE ARE WAYS IN WHICH BRITAIN CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF STABILITY WE SHALL DO SO WITH DETERMINATION. I SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO THE CONTACTS ON THIS MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION THAT WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE COMING MONTHS. MEANWHILE PLEASE ACCEPT MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CO-OPERATION COUNCIL.

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