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MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO AMIR OF KUWAIT

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO SHAIKH JABER: BEGINS

IT WAS WITH OUTRAGE AND DISMAY THAT I HEARD OF THE INVASION OF YOUR COUNTRY BY IRAD. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SINCE BEEN DOING ALL WE CAN, WITH PRESIDENT BUSH AND OTHER FRIENDS AND ALLIES. TO REVERSE THIS MONSTROUS ACT OF AGGRESSION. I AM ENCOURAGED, AND I HOPE YOU ARE TOO. BY THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE RECEIVED IN THE ARAB WORLD AND BY THE SOLIDARITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE RAPID PASSING OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 660 AND 661 DEMONSTRATES UNPRECEDENTED UNANIMITY AND RESOLVE ON THE PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO COUNTER THIS AGGRESSION. I BELIEVE IT IS VITAL THAT YOUR HIGHNESS' VOICE CONTINUES TO BE HEARD LOUDLY AND CLEARLY ABROAD, REMINDING THE WORLD THAT THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT IS FUNCTIONING. EXPRESSING YOUR OWN DETERMINATION TO RETURN TO YOUR COUNTRY AND URBING THE REST OF THE WORLD TO CONTINUE ITS ROBUST SUPPORT AND ITS REJECTION OF IRAG'S AGGRESSION.

I DEFER MY DEEPEST PERSONAL SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES FOR THE DEATH AND INJURIES AMONG MEMBERS OF YOUR HIGHNESS' FAMILY.

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