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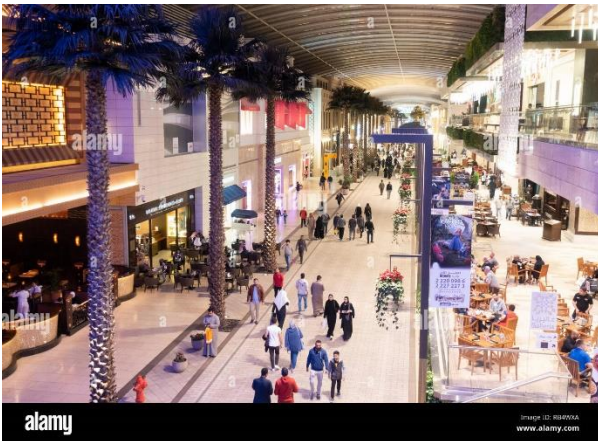
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People in Egypt and Israel recovered peaceful life when the Ramadan War was over. The Palestinians who had been expelled from their own land inherited from their ancestor long time ago also shared the same feelings. They escaped to Jordan, and then migrated Persian Gulf countries like Kuwait or Saudi Arabia.

Shatila who was employed by a Japanese company that started oil development in the neutral zone between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia married to a Palestinian woman of his distant relation. He spent busy but peaceful days. Every weekend he drove a second-hand American car with his wife and visited parents living in Kuwait. The road was unpaved rough one for a while beyond the border. But as soon as entering Burgan oil field, comfortable paved road of double lanes continued straight to the city center of Kuwait. When Shatila arrived his father's home, he did never fail to visit Al-Yassin family of neighbor. Two families caravanned together from Palestinian city Turkam to Jordan and then to Kuwait. The Al-Yassin got one girl named Rania in Kuwait. Shatila loved a cute and clever Rania.

In midtown of Kuwait, there were many prestigious hotels of European and American style. Inside the comfortably air-conditioned shopping center, famous brands from Western world attracted visitors. The war was over and oil boom was in front of them. Kuwaiti people and foreigners enjoyed peace and days of plenty. They hoped that such a life would last forever. The neighboring non-oil-producing

countries also benefited from aid by oil-producing countries, or remittance from migrant relatives.

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(From an ordinary citizen in the cloud)