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But both Hussein 's ambitions and the Palestinians' expectations were illusion. Six months later, Kuwait was liberalized in the Gulf War. Iraq set fire on the oilfield area as a souvenir before withdrawal. A bright red flame rose in the sky of Kuwait and a black splash of crude oil scatters in the desert of Kuwait. The sky above Kuwait was surrounded by black smoke and the darkness spread even in daytime.

The Emir of Kuwait and the Sabah royal families returned home from Saudi Arabia where the government was in exile. Kuwait regained calm. They deeply appreciated the countries joined to the multinational forces and spared their power to liberate Kuwait including the United States. Kuwait government, therefore, published special advertisement on the newspaper expressing their thanks. In the article there were names of countries that participated in multinational forces such as Pakistan or Sudan. But there was no name of Japan even it donated a huge war chest of 1 trillion yen. Japanese constitution prohibited to send military force abroad.

Kuwait did not allow those who supported Hussein. The government deported all Palestinians and Jordanians. The Japanese oil company in the south of the border was also ordered to deport its Palestine and Jordanian employees because Kuwait held half equity for oil operation. It was a tit for tat by Kuwait after the Gulf War against the blowing steam by Palestinians during the war. But it was obvious what would happen when Kuwait government deported the Palestinians who had underpinned both public and private sectors in Kuwait economy. The economic damage that Kuwait received were serious, and it still does not heal after quarter century.

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