

Kuwait: Arab Troops Replace British

Some 4,000 Arab League troops drawn from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Republic (1,200 each), the Sudan (400), Jordan (300) and Tunisia (200) were airlifted into Kuwait September 10-14 to replace withdrawing British forces. They were commanded by Saudi General Abdallah Issa and Jordanian Major General Khaled el Sahen.

Kuwait's ruler, Sheikh Abdullah al-Salim al-Sabah, said September 11 that his country's desire for continued British "protection" "remains unaffected" by the entry of Arab troops. He said: There could be no direct Iraqi-Kuwaiti negotiations over Iraq's claims to Kuwait; any move for a settlement was "in the hands of the Arab League." [See 1961 [Middle East: British Begin Kuwait Recall](#)]

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