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GULF CRISIS - SITUATION REPORT

The Canadian Embassy in Kuwait today arranged for the departure of a further 45 members of the Canadian community many of whom only very recently identified themselves to the Canadian Embassy. This was done with the help of their wardens and an officer of the Canadian Embassy in Baghdad currently in Kuwait. The evacuees are on board an Iraqi Airways 747, chartered by the American and British governments, which will land shortly in London. Like the Canadian charter last week, this aircraft started in Kuwait and passed through Baghdad for the processing of exit papers, en route to Europe.

The passengers from the Canadian community on this plane consist of Canadian citizens and their immediate family members, such as spouses, parents, children and siblings. Landed immigrants are also on board. The adult males who travelled did so on other than Canadian passports. Iraqi authorities still are not authorizing the departure of any Canadian adult male passport holders.

Canada was the first country to organize an evacuation flight using a chartered Iraqi aircraft, starting in Kuwait city on September 6th. At that time spare seats were offered to nationals of other countries. A number of Americans and Irish took up this offer. On today's flight, the USA offered Canadians the same opportunity.

Arrangements for the departure overland to Baghdad from Kuwait of male members of the Canadian community remaining in Kuwait continue. While there are some food shortages in Baghdad the situation for Canadians in Iraq is safe at this time.