

LEGISLATIVE SESSION #1

ISSUES: KHASHOGGI, EBOLA, YEMEN, ROHINGYA, WILDFIRES

SCANDAL: Death of Jamal Khashoggi (p. 1 of 3)

The state of Saudi Arabia is one of your closest allies, yet that alliance has always been uncomfortable. For years the Saudi government has done things and passed laws that you believe are immoral, or wrong, but you have always looked the other way. This is because the Saudi government and its businesses have invested more money into your economy than any other foreign state.

The biggest contribution is oil. An extremely high percentage of your state's oil consumption comes from the import of Saudi oil into your country. Oil is vital to the functioning and future development of your economy, and your state currently gets that oil at a relatively low cost from Saudi Arabia. As such, your government has chosen in the past to ignore some of the Saudi government's distasteful laws and practices. **But you are now finding it difficult to do so...**

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A man named Jamal Khashoggi recently walked into a Saudi-controlled government building in the country of Turkey, and he never came out.

Khashoggi was a Saudi citizen and journalist. He was known for writing articles that criticized the Saudi government. Because Saudi leaders believed him to be a threat, Khashoggi asked for asylum in your state. You granted it. Khashoggi has been living peacefully in your country and writing for one of your prominent newspapers. Until recently...

Just a number of weeks ago, Khashoggi was in the country of Turkey with his fiancé, a citizen of Turkey. Preparing for their marriage, he visited the Saudi embassy in order to get documents from his birth country necessary for the licensing of his marriage. **Khashoggi was murdered inside the building.**



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Initially, the Saudi government officially denied any involvement in the death of Jamal Khashoggi. But after high-level intelligence proved that the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia likely ordered the death of Khashoggi *himself*, the Saudi state government admitted its involvement. It has arrested “those responsible” (not the Crown Prince, of course).

Saudi Arabia is one of your most important economic allies. But a resident of your state has just been brutally murdered by that ally, and its leadership lied to you about its involvement. You are faced with this dilemma: It seems morally necessary to break ties with Saudi Arabia. Doing so would signal to the world that your country will not tolerate this kind of brutal disregard for international law and human rights. BUT... If you do break from Saudi Arabia it will cost you. You will lose 60% of your oil reserves, as well as 100 CP’s in investment dollars.
What do you do? Fill out the State Policy document.

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS: EPIDEMIC

The Democratic Republic of the Congo in central Africa is experiencing the worst Ebola outbreak in its country's history. The virus is spreading quickly, and the state government is ill-equipped to combat it because it is preoccupied with an ongoing civil war. [The government of the Congo has petitioned your state leadership to intervene by sending humanitarian aid.](#)

Resources for exploration:

- STAT video: [“How Ebola kills”](#)
- CNN video: [“This is the messy truth about Ebola”](#)
- PBS News video: [“Health officials work to contain Ebola”](#)



HUMANITARIAN CRISIS: GENOCIDE

The United Nations has asked your state to intervene on behalf of the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, also known as Burma. The Buddhist government of Myanmar is accused of allowing, and even directing, acts of genocide to wipe out the Rohingya people, an ethnic minority in the state. [The UN is asking you to commit 100 CP's](#), which will supply troops to pressure the Burmese government to stop its campaign of *ethnic cleansing*. [Anything less than 100 CP's will supply aid to the Rohingya people](#) – and to the neighboring states that have taken in refugees.

Resources for exploration:

- Vox video: [“Ethnic cleansing of Myanmar’s Rohingya”](#)
- Human Rights Watch, article : [“Rohingya Crisis”](#)



HUMANITARIAN CRISIS: WAR/FAMINE

The United Nations has petitioned your state leaders to intervene in a conflict taking place in the country of Yemen (on the Arabian Peninsula). A civil war between Houthi rebels (supported by the state of Iran) and the government of Yemen (supported by the state of Saudi Arabia) has brought the country to destruction. At least 85,000 children have died from starvation already, and as many as 14 million more citizens face a famine crisis as well if conditions do not improve. The UN is asking your state to contribute 100 CP's to help bring the conflict to an end. An aid package below 100 CP's will supply some aid (food and medicine), but it will not work to bring peace.

Resources for exploration:

- France 24 English news, video: ["Yemen, the civil war explained"](#)
- TRT news, video: ["Estimated 85,000 children dead from famine"](#)



HUMANITARIAN CRISIS: WILDFIRES

The government of the United States of America has asked your state leaders to send CP relief to help the state of California recover from the worst wildfire season in its history. The 2018 fires destroyed more than 450,000 acres of land and have caused more than \$3.5 billion in damage. [A donation of CP relief would help state officials in California expedite \(proceed quickly with\) rebuilding efforts.](#)

Resources for exploration:

- San Francisco Chronicle, photos: [“Unprecedented devastation”](#)

