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Kuwait is coded as a monarchy from independence in 1961 until 2008 ruled by Sheikh Abdullah III Al Salim Al Sabah of the Al Sabah dynasty (Morby 2002) at independence. There is no SOLS change at independence. In 1965 Sheikh Sabah III Al Salim Al Sabah succeeded Abdullah III. This is not a SOLS change. In 1977 Sabah III died and was succeeded by his cousin's son Sheikh Jabir III Al Ahmad Al Jabir Al Sabah. This is not a SOLS change. In 1990 Iraq occupied Kuwait and installed their own leadership. Archigos codes Saddam Hussein as being in power between 1990-1991. This is not a SOLS change because we do not code SOLS changes for the transition to occupying leaders. In 1991 the Iraqis were defeated and forced to leave Kuwait. Emir Jabir III was reinstated. This is not a SOLS change because he is the same leader who lost power at the start of the occupation. In 2006 Jabir III died and was succeeded by his cousin Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Salim Al-Sabah. Saad al-Abdullah, 76, was "deemed too ill to take the oath of office" but "refused to abdicate in favour of Sheikh Sabah" (BBC News 2006). According to the constitution, parliament has the power to remove the emir if he is not fit to rule. After a nine-day power struggle, parliament ruled in favor of Sabah IV Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Saad's cousin, who then became Emir. This is not a SOLS change. All leaders are part of the Al-Sabah dynasty.

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