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## The Mess in the Middle East

War in the Middle East is something that our current generation has grown accustomed to over an extended period of time. Reports of violence between Sunni-occupied Saudi Arabia and Shi'a-occupied Iran are common news headlines for media outlets such as CNN and NBC. However, with the recent burning of the Saudi Arabian embassy in Iran, it seems that the situation is taking a turn for the worse.

On January 2, Iranian protesters set fire to the Saudi Arabian embassy in Tehran, the capital of Iran. While to some this may just seem like another act of violence, in actuality, it sets the stage for international conflict. There are many ways in which citizens of different countries show their disapproval of current relations with another country, however, attacking an embassy is comparable to a declaration of war. This echoes the events of the American-Iranian hostage crisis (1979-1981), American diplomats were captured and held ransom which led to a U.S. military rescue attempt. Shortly after the incident, Kuwait, Qatar, and Sudan all recalled their foreign ambassadors from Iran. With almost all diplomatic ties cut between the leading Sunni...

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