The United Nations on Thursday approved payment of another $376.9 million in compensation for Iraq’s 1990 invasion and occupation of Kuwait, including to Palestinians who lost property and to landmine victims.

Geneva (Switzerland): The amount was approved by the Governing Council of the U.N. Compensation Commission (UNCC) after a three-day meeting, a statement said. Five percent of Iraqi oil revenues flow into the Geneva-based UNCC, which has been making quarterly payments of $200 million to claimants who have proved direct losses. The next payment was due in late October. “Of the total, some $315.1 million will go to Kuwaiti individuals and nearly $29 million to Palestinians,” UNCC spokesman Joe Sills told a news briefing. Some 30 people injured by landmines or other ordnance left by Iraqi troops in Kuwait during its seven-month occupation and Gulf War will share $550,000. The UNCC’s Governing Council, composed of the same 15 member states as the Security Council, has so far approved compensation of $48.9 billion, of which $18.6 billion has been paid out.

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