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## Transparency With Diana B.: From Riches to Refugee

In the early '90s at the age of 17, advisor Kashif Ahmed and his family found themselves at the center of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait by Saddam Hussein. Here, he shares his journey out of the country.

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Many people tend to dwell on horrific experiences, making it difficult to move forward and live their lives. Others embrace the trauma, using it to build strength and a thick skin.

In this episode of Transparency with Diana B., Diana Britton, managing editor of *WealthManagement.com*, is joined by Kashif "Kash" Ahmed, founder and president of American Private Wealth, an advisory outside of Boston. In 1990 at the age of 17, Kash and his family found themselves at the center of Iraq's invasion and annexation of Kuwait by Saddam Hussein's forces, over oil pricing and production disputes. Hussein led Iraq with an iron fist for several decades, and Kash's family, including his



Kashif "Kash" Ahmed

In this episode, you will learn:

- About his six-week journey out of war-torn Kuwait into Pakistan
- How Kash at a young age learned the importance of sticking to his principles
- How he learned to embrace these traumatic experiences and be grateful for what he has



Kash on Aug. 1, 1990. Less than 12 hours later, Iraq would invade Kuwait.

Tune in now to learn how to embrace adversity and use it to build strength.

*Editor's Note: This podcast was recorded before we found out that Kash had contracted COVID-19. [Our editors have been in touch with him](#), and he's recovering with no extreme symptoms. As with his experience fleeing Kuwait, he's got a positive attitude, saying on [Twitter](#) “#COVID19 – You will not defeat me!”*

*If you have a struggle and wish to share your experiences and help others in similar situations, please reach out to Diana at [transparencywithdianab@gmail.com](mailto:transparencywithdianab@gmail.com).*