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Letter dated 5 September 1985 from the Permanent Representative of  
Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the current month, I have the honour to transmit herewith the letter of the Deputy Permanent Observer for the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations, dated 3 September 1985, concerning the latest repressive measures taken by the Israeli authorities against the Palestinian population.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 33 and 35 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hamad Abdelaziz AL-KAWARI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 6 September 1985 from the Deputy Permanent Observer of the  
Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I am instructed by Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization to bring the following to your most urgent attention.

Since Wednesday, 28 August 1985, the Israeli occupation authorities have been carrying out a massive campaign of administrative detention (arrests) against the Palestinian population. As of today, the number of arrests had risen to 56, 20 Palestinians having been arrested last night. Those arrested are from different sectors of the population and from all areas of the Palestinian territories under Israeli occupation. Additionally, three of those arrested, Trade Unionists and a student leader, have been served with deportation notices.

These arrests are the initial stages of the Israeli occupation authorities decision on 4 August 1985, to reintroduce Administrative Detention without trial and deportations as a means of maximising repression of the Palestinian population living under Israeli military occupation. Such 'laws' are in contravention of all norms of international law and civilized behaviour.

Curfews have been placed on Khan Yunis, Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah and other areas under Israeli military occupation, including several Palestinian refugee camps.

Additionally, Zionist settler vigilantism is intensifying, with attacks on Palestinians, their homes and villages, destruction of Palestinian property and confiscation of Palestinian land and water resources.

Chairman Arafat on behalf of the Palestine Liberation Organization calls upon the United Nations Secretary-General and the United Nations Security Council to take all appropriate and necessary measures to put an effective end to this latest criminal Israeli offensive against the Palestinian people living under Israeli occupation.

Please accept Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

(Signed) Riyadh MANSOUR  
Deputy Permanent Observer  
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

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