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Letter dated 26 November 1984 from the Chairman of the Committee
on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian
People addressed to the Secretary-General

As Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, I wish to bring to your urgent attention the Committee's grave concern at recent reports of renewed acts of repression against Palestinians, including the shooting of unarmed demonstrators, by the Israeli forces in the occupied Palestinian territories.

According to news reports in The New York Times, a student at Bir Zeit University, Sharif Khalil Taibe, was killed and six others wounded on 21 November when Israeli troops opened fire on a large crowd of demonstrators in Bir Zeit village. The following day, in Ramallah, Israeli troops again fired into a demonstration by a group of youths, resulting in the death of Bakr Abdullah, a student at the Ramallah Industrial Secondary School, and the wounding of another.

According to the same reports, another demonstration by a group of women to troops also incidents to mourn Mr. Taibe's death was dispersed by troops using tear gas. The forced Palestinian shopkeepers who had closed their stores after the reopen them.

Other demonstrations in Jelaila refugee camp near Gaza and in Nablus were also dispersed by Israeli troops.

These recent events - as well as those that preceded them - are viewed with the utmost concern by the Committee and confirm its belief that Israel is increasingly resorting to drastic repressive measures in order to stifle any expression of opposition to its illegal occupation of the Palestinian territories.

As the Committee has repeatedly stated, such occupation is in contravention of international law and of the numerous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council. The repressive measures adopted by the Israeli authorities cannot but aggravate tensions and constitute a constant threat to peace and security in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Massamba SARRE
Chairman of the
Committee on the Exercise
of the Inalienable Rights
of the Palestinian People