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and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory

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**Identical letters dated 3 October 2001 from the Permanent Observer  
Mission of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

Pre-dawn yesterday (Palestine time), Israeli tanks and bulldozers moved into an area under Palestinian control near the Palestinian town of Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip. Israeli tanks, supported by helicopter gunships, shelled Palestinian buildings, including seven police posts, killing five Palestinian policemen and one Palestinian civilian and injuring many others, some critically. Israeli bulldozers flattened farmland as well as several Palestinian homes and buildings. The Israeli incursion and shelling caused many inhabitants in the area to flee their homes in fear.

This new crime, the occupying Power claims, came in response to an earlier attack committed by two Palestinians against an illegal Israeli settlement in the area, during which two settlers were killed. Israeli occupying forces, however, charged the house in which the attackers were, killing both of them. For its part, the Palestinian Authority issued an immediate statement condemning the attack, stating that it would arrest those responsible, and reaffirmed its commitment to the ceasefire. The Palestinian Authority did that in spite of its firm position regarding the illegality of Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the criminal behaviour of the illegal settlers against the Palestinian people.

The above-mentioned Israeli crime once again indicates what we have mentioned in our previous letters to you since the conclusion of a ceasefire agreement between President Yasser Arafat and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. In fact, the Israeli Government and Israeli occupying forces not only have not implemented their part of the agreement but have in actuality increased their oppressive measures against the Palestinian people, resulting in the killing of 27 Palestinians since the conclusion of that agreement. Israeli actions as well as statements made by Israeli officials all indicate the unwillingness of the Government to proceed with a ceasefire and the implementation of the Mitchell recommendations towards the resumption of negotiations on a final settlement.

I am writing this letter in follow-up to our previous 70 letters addressed to you regarding this grave and ongoing situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 2 October 2001 ([A/55/437-S/2000/930](#); [A/55/450-S/2000/957](#); [A/55/466-S/2000/971](#); [A/55/474-S/2000/984](#); [A/55/490-S/2000/993](#); [A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015](#); [A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025](#); [A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068](#); [A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078](#); [A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093](#); [A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104](#); [A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107](#); [A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116](#); [A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129](#); [A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154](#); [A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173](#); [A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185](#); [A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1215](#); [A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247](#); [A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7](#); [A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33](#); [A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50](#); [A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101](#); [A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131](#); [A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156](#); [A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175](#); [A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189](#); [A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209](#); [A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226](#); [A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239](#); [A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255](#); [A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284](#); [A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295](#); [A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304](#); [A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314](#); [A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332](#); [A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352](#); [A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372](#); [A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418](#); [A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432](#); [A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447](#); [A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463](#); [A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471](#); [A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479](#); [A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486](#); [A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496](#); [A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504](#); [A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508](#); [A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544](#); [A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586](#); [A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605](#); [A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629](#); [A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657](#); [A/ES-10/94-S/2001/669](#); [A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686](#); [A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697](#); [A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708](#); [A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717](#); [A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742](#); [A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754](#); [A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783](#); [A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785](#); [A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798](#); [A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812](#); [A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814](#) and [A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821](#); [A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826](#); [A/ES-10/110-S/2001/855](#); [A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880](#); [A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918](#); and [A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928](#)). I regret to inform you that the above-mentioned killings of Palestinians by Israeli occupying forces yesterday raise the total number of Palestinians killed since 28 September 2000 to 667 (the names of the martyrs are contained in the annex).

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as an official document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

**Annex to the identical letters dated 3 October 2001 from the  
Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

**Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the  
Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem \***

**Tuesday, 2 October 2001**

1. Maher Idris Khodair
2. Nour Eldin Mohammed Quwedat
3. Mohammed Ibrahim Abu Hani
4. Wael Awaad
5. Mohammed Al-Shorafi
6. Salim Ziara

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