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Letter dated 9 September 1987 from the Chairman of the Committee
on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People
addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, I wish to draw your urgent attention to the recent air raids carried out by the Israeli Air Force on the Ein el-Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp near Sidon in Lebanon.

According to information published by Reuters and corroborated by other press agencies, as a result of these bombings many Palestinians, including men, women and children, lost their lives and scores were injured.

In the opinion of the Committee, these attacks against the Palestinian refugee camp have to be seen in the context of the intensification of the measures taken by the Israeli authorities against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, as well as a general military escalation in southern Lebanon recently. The situation that is being created in the area is a most explosive one, which cannot but arouse the greatest concern on the part of the Committee and the international community as a whole.

In light of these grave developments, the Committee wishes to express once again its deep concern at those actions that heighten tension in the region and pose a serious obstacle to international efforts for achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting solution of the question of Palestine, which is at the heart of the Middle East conflict.

The Committee remains convinced that positive action by the Security Council on its recommendations and on the proposed international peace conference on the Middle East would advance prospects for a just and lasting peace in the region. The Committee therefore renews its appeal to you to continue to do all in your power to promote this objective.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 38 of the provisional agenda and of the Security Council.

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

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