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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED
ARAB TERRITORIES, INCLUDING PALESTINE

THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND ITS
APPLICATION TO PEOPLES UNDER COLONIAL OR ALIEN
DOMINATION OR FOREIGN OCCUPATION

Note verbale dated 8 February 1988 from the Permanent Mission
of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to
the Centre for Human Rights, transmitting three communications
from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation
Organization to the United Nations Office at Geneva

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the Centre for Human Rights at Geneva and has the honour to transmit to it a document from the Palestine Liberation Organization and to request that it should be circulated as an official document of the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

Annex

LETTER DATED 8 FEBRUARY 1988 FROM THE PERMANENT OBSERVER FOR THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FORTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

In the past few days, the Israeli occupation authorities have intensified their terror campaign against the Palestinian people in the Palestinian occupied territories. Israeli settlers, armed and backed by the army, are now actively participating in this aggression against the Palestinian people.

On the evening of Friday, 5 February 1988, Israeli settlers entered Salem village (near Nablus), kidnapped a number of Palestinian youths and took them to an unknown destination. Later, inhabitants of the village saw bulldozers of the Israeli army opening graves near the village. In the early morning, the inhabitants of the village found four of the kidnapped youths buried alive in these graves. They all suffered multiple fractures and were brought to Ariha hospital. The four youths are:

Hassan Mohammad Saïd Hamdan (aged 19)

Abdellatif Ahmad Eshtiya (aged 15)

Issam Shafiq Eshtiya (aged 20)

Zakaria Mohammad Saïd Hamdan (aged 20).

The other kidnapped youths are still missing.

Moreover, by the end of last week, 20 more Palestinian women in the Gaza Strip either miscarried or gave birth to stillborn babies, after being beaten up by Israeli soldiers. These cases join the 25 first cases already mentioned in our memorandum dated 27 January 1988 (see E/CN.4/1988/53, annex II),

1. Amina Abu Jabarah (aged 24) - El Breij camp
2. Khitam Al-Kafarnah (aged 18) - Beit Hanoun
3. Howeyda Jabar (aged 21) - Beit Lahya
4. Ibtissam Salem (aged 23) - Beit Hanoun
5. Aïsha Al-Guga (aged 25) - Beach camp
6. Sana' Awad (aged 22) - El Nasr
7. Enshirah Galil (aged 20) - Jabalia
8. Awsal Al-Kafarnah (aged 28) - Beit Hanoun
9. Houda Abu Karsh (aged 35) - Gaza
10. Yousra Abu-Harb (aged 28) - Beach camp
11. Shifa Maarouf (aged 25) - Beit Lahya

12. Amina Abu Fandiya (aged 26) - Nuseirat camp
13. Fikriya Al-Samaki (aged 19) - Al-Sabra
14. Rida Abu Sukar (aged 23) - Gaza
15. Amal Al-Safi (aged 24) - El Breij
16. Ikram Al-Kurd (aged 19) - Jabalia
17. Ibtissam Shreir (aged 20) - El-Sabra
18. Khadijah Awad - Sheikh Radwan
19. Jawaher Nabil Al-Najar (aged 22) - Jabalia
20. Badria Samour (aged 40) - Beach camp

These tragic events constitute more acts of genocide, in accordance with articles II and III of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

We hereby, request you to consider the present memorandum as an official document of the forty-fourth session of the Commission on Human Rights.

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Permanent Observer of the Palestine
Liberation Organization to the
United Nations Office at Geneva