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LETTER DATED 6 NOVEMBER 1981 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
TUNISIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations. I request you to have it issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Taieb SLIM
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 5 November 1981 from the Permanent Observer of the
Palestine Organization to the United Nations addressed to the
President of the Security Council

On instructions of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization I am requested to bring to your immediate attention a serious escalation in the situation in the occupied West Bank. Under the pretext of establishing a "new civilian administration" in the occupied West Bank, the Zionist junta in Tel Aviv has, in the guise of civilian clothing, imposed a new military governor. This deceitful move provoked widespread protests by the Palestinian populace.

On 2 November 1981, the 64th anniversary of the infamous Balfour Declaration was commemorated with demonstrations and protests. On 3 November 1981, Palestinian students and populace engaged in a general strike, and the demonstrations were then halted. Despite the cessation of demonstrations, Israeli troops proceeded to attack Palestinian students at Bir Zeit University. The University was completely surrounded by Israeli troops who then sealed off the campus. This provocative and calculated move caused renewed demonstrations.

As of today, Bir Zeit University remains closed. The situation in the occupied territories remains extremely tense and highly volatile. In bringing this information to your attention so that you may be kept apprised of the worsening situation in the occupied West Bank, I am requested to call upon you to take immediate and effective measures to protect the rights of Palestinians living under Zionist occupation.

(Signed) Zehdi LABIB
Permanent Observer
