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Cablegram received from the Secretary-General of  
the Arab League concerning the Arab population  
of the FALUJA area

The following cablegram dated 20 March 1949 from Abdel Rahman Arsam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, to the Secretary General of the United Nations, has been transmitted for the information of the Conciliation Commission.

" Although the Agreement signed at Rhodes on 24 February last by the Egyptian and Israeli military authorities provides for guarantees to ensure the safety of the Arab population of Faluja, both as regards its life and its property, I have learnt from an authorized source that from the beginning of the evacuation the Israelis have adopted a policy of persecution towards that population, confiscating its property, killing some and forcing others to abandon their houses. This is purely and simply a repetition of the systematic policy adopted by the Zionists from the very beginning of the present conflict. If the Israelis persist in this policy, the solution of the Palestine conflict will be impeded. I therefore call the attention of the civilized world of which the United Nations is a symbol, to these acts of the Zionists and appeal to the conscience of humanity to put an end to such acts, which will lead to the extermination of the Arab population of the regions of Palestine under Jewish control. I beg Your Excellency to initiate an enquiry into these acts and to establish responsibility for them. "