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LETTER DATED 25 MARCH 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF JORDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward to you the enclosed letter, at the request of Mr. Zuhdi Labib Terzi, the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization, concerning further acts of brutality against the Mayor of Nablus, Mr. Bassam Shakaa and the Mayor of Ramallah, Mr. Karim Khalef, who were arrested and removed from their legally elected offices.

Inasmuch as these acts of terror and brutality continue to pervade the occupied Palestinian territory, I would deeply appreciate it if my letter and the enclosed letter from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 25 March 1982 from the Permanent Observer of the
Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am requested by Chairman Yasser Arafat to bring the following to your most urgent attention. Today Mayor Bassam Shakaa of Nablus and Mayor Karim Khalef of Ramallah were arrested and removed from their legally elected offices. Israeli troops then installed so-called civilian administrators in their place. Speculation is that the arrests of Shakaa and Khalef precede their forceable deportation and exile from Palestine. Members of the Nablus municipality and a number of Shakaa's supporters were summoned to General Menahem Milson's office and threatened with severe repercussions should they allow the situation in Nablus to deteriorate.

Israeli state-licensed terror and brutality continue to pervade the occupied Palestinian territory. Israeli tanks, helicopters and paratroopers are now being used against the Palestinian people in a desperate but futile attempt to subjugate and control them. Tank and troop reinforcements have been sent to the Palestinian towns of Nablus, Ramallah, Jerusalem and Hebron.

250 students were arrested today in Qalqilya. There are several casualties reported in the occupied Palestinian territory. Casualties known so far are:

<u>Hebron</u>	Muhammad Abed Rabbo, 15 years old
<u>Zahiriya</u>	Bassam Abu Sharkh, 12 years old
<u>Gaza</u>	Khalil Habboush, 70 years old Muhammad Habboush, 30 years old Omar Habboush, 28 years old

In Jabalia camp, there were violent demonstrations near the Faloujha school. Four youths and a 50 year-old woman were arrested. Israeli troops viciously beat up five students in Barakeh Abu Rashed in the Gaza Strip.

The killing, wounding and maiming of Palestinians by Israeli troops and fascist Zionist settlers continues unabated as are the mass arrests of children and youths.

Yesterday Zionist settlers from Qiryat Arba' shot and killed Farhan Al-Mansar an 18 year-old youth from Bani Naim. Two other Palestinian youths fell victim to Israeli bullets in the occupied Gaza Strip, and another was killed in Jenin. Four

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children and a youth were seriously wounded in Rafaa by Israeli bullets, the five are:

Bassam Marzouq Al-Najjar, 13 years old

Malkieh Sbeih, 14 years old

Sawsan Radwan, 12 years old

Firyal Abu Teir, 13 years old

Abu Latif Abu Douraz, 18 years old

In Khan Younis three youths were seriously wounded, the names of two are:

Mohammad Khalil, 20 years old

Samir Anwar Ismail, 24 years old

Radio Israel reported yesterday of an additional 13 wounded in the occupied Gaza Strip.

It was also reported yesterday on Radio Israel that more than 29 shop-keepers were arrested in Jerusalem as Israeli troops attempted to break the general-strike which is now in its eighth day. Today another 3 shop-keepers were arrested.

The resistance of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territories reflects the determination of the people as a whole. It reflects their rejection of the so-called civilian-administration and their continued resistance to fascist military occupation of their land. Our Palestinian people under occupation are resisting and will continue to resist any and all attempts at their physical extermination.

As conveyed to you yesterday, Chairman Arafat wishes to reiterate that there is a limit to our patience, and given the racist and violent aims of the Zionist entity, the Palestine Liberation Organization will take all necessary measures to protect and safeguard the lives of the Palestinian people.

(Signed) Zuhdi Labib TERZI
Permanent Observer
