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LETTER DATED 4 AUGUST 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
JORDAN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I would like to draw Your Excellency's attention to the most recent Israeli arbitrary acts committed against the Jordanian population in the occupied part of my country.

Not only have the Israelis continued their policy of expelling civilians to the Eastern Bank of Jordan, but they have adopted a policy of oppression against those valiant citizens who openly reaffirmed their adherence to Jordanian unity and their rejection of any attempt to annex any part of Jordanian territory.

On 31 July 1967, four prominent leaders in Arab Jerusalem, namely, Mr. Anwar el-Khatib, the Governor of Jerusalem, and former Ambassador to Cairo, Dr. Daoud el-Russeini, a former member of Parliament, Mr. Ibrahim Bakr, a lawyer, and Mr. Abdul Muhsein Abu Maizer, a lawyer, were detained and later banished to various parts of the Israeli occupied areas. Those four prominent citizens were among twenty Arab religious and secular leaders who signed a memorandum challenging the validity of Israeli annexation of the City of Jerusalem.

On 27 July 1967, Dr. Subhi Ghousheh, another prominent citizen of Jerusalem, and his brother Amin, were arrested. They were charged with distribution of so-called "inflammatory leaflets". Two days later five youths have been arrested on suspicion of distributing leaflets urging the Arab population not to co-operate with the Israeli authorities.

These acts perpetrated against the non-combatant civilian population in the occupied territory of Jordan were motivated by a deliberate oppressive plan on the part of the Israeli authorities to break the will of our people and undermine their determination to safeguard their religious and national rights.

The Governor of Jerusalem and his colleagues were banished from their city for asking their people and fellow citizens to continue to have faith in the United Nations and resist what the United Nations has rejected and declared invalid. They

emphasized, despite Israeli threats, warnings and other measures, that Jerusalem is an integral part of Jordan, and that the decisions taken by the Israeli authorities to annex Arab Jerusalem and its environs are null and void.

In their memorandum the text of which was circulated as Security Council document No. S/8109, those leaders protested the Israeli demolition, among other buildings, of two Islamic mosques in the Magharba Quarter in Jerusalem. They also served the Israeli authorities with clear notice calling for the non-encroachment upon the political independence and territorial integrity of Jordan, requesting at the same time the cessation of all interference in the religious affairs of Moslems and respect to Arab institutions.

Reports reaching my Government from the area stated that the acts of arrests, detention and exile were made under the same emergency regulations enacted in 1945 by the British mandatory Government to combat Jewish terrorism in Palestine. These acts constitute a clear defiance and complete disregard of Security Council and General Assembly resolutions calling upon Israel to ensure the safety, welfare and security of the Arab inhabitants of the occupied areas.

It is, therefore, clear that unless the Security Council takes adequate steps to put an end to Israeli acts of lawlessness, the present precarious situation will be further deteriorated.

I shall be grateful if this letter is circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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