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LETTER DATED 11 FEBRUARY 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 7 February 1975 addressed to you by H.E. Mr. Rauf R. Denktas, Vice-President of the Republic of Cyprus and the head of the Autonomous Turkish Cypriot Administration.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Osman OLCAY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Letter dated 7 February 1975 from Mr. R. R. Denktaş, Vice-President of the
Republic of Cyprus, addressed to the Secretary-General

According to an article which appeared in the Cyprus Mail on 2 February 1975 under the headline "Drivers Sent to Jail for Carrying Turks", the Greek Cypriot Supreme Court has increased the sentences of the two Greek Cypriot drivers who had previously been sentenced to a fine by the lower court - pending appeal - to six months' imprisonment. The fact that this case has been made the subject of an appeal to the Supreme Court shows that the Greek Cypriot Administration has intensified its illegal and inhuman efforts to restrict the freedom of movement of the Turkish Cypriots living in the south. Even the carrying of Turkish Cypriot passengers in Greek Cypriot-owned vehicles has been prohibited as part of the Greek Cypriot policy to force Turkish Cypriots to remain in the south against their will.

It should be realized that these Turkish Cypriots who are attempting to move to the Turkish region for their safety are doing so under very difficult conditions, leaving most or all of their properties and belongings behind and, as incidents in the past have proven, even at the risk of their lives. On the one hand, the Greek Cypriot-armed elements are doing everything to make life more miserable for the Turkish Cypriot community living in the south; on the other hand, they are preventing them from moving north by all means possible, including illegal arrests, beating and torture, confiscation of their goods and, in some cases, even murder.

At this point, I wish to refer to a communication I have recently addressed to Your Excellency's Special Representative in Cyprus, Mr. L. Weckmann-Munoz, in which I requested assistance for transportation to the north for urgent medical treatment of two Turkish Cypriots for the injuries they received after being hanged on a tree and beaten severely for six continuous hours by the Greek Cypriot National Guard. The Turkish Cypriots in question were residents of Paphos and were on their way to the Turkish region when they were apprehended by the Greek Cypriot National Guard, following which they were subjected to such treatment and put into serious physical condition.

It is no surprise that the Turkish Cypriots living in the south continue to risk so much in order to come to the north. Those who have been forced to remain in the south for political bargaining purposes by ever-increasing restrictions imposed upon their freedom of movement are being subjected to innumerable harassments, including insults, threats of mass massacre, indecent approaches to women and young girls and all sorts of atrocities that words fall short of describing.

I strongly protest these actions, which are aimed at detaining the Turkish Cypriot community in violation of all human decency, as well as the principles of the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the international covenants on human rights, as virtual hostages in the Greek-controlled region of Cyprus in the south.

I shall be grateful if this communication is presented to the knowledge of all the honourable members of the Security Council by having it circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) R. R. DENKTAŞ
Vice-President
Republic of Cyprus
