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Letter dated 8 January 1971 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter of today, 8 January 1971 (A/8270, S/10073), concerning Israel's systematic expulsion of Arab inhabitants of the occupied territories and upon instructions from my Government, I regret to inform Your Excellency that these arbitrary Israeli measures go on unabated.

Only yesterday, 7 January 1971, the Israeli occupying authorities deported eighteen Jordanians from the West Bank of Jordan. My Government immediately contacted the representative of the Committee of the International Red Cross in Amman and informed him that such deportations are unacceptable and asked that these persons be allowed to return.

In view of Israel's determined policy of systematic expulsion of Arab inhabitants from the occupied territories, it has become necessary that steps and measures be taken to stop such violations of basic human rights and defiance of Security Council decisions which call upon Israel to facilitate the return of those who fled the areas of hostilities in 1967 and not to force those who stayed in their homes, villages, towns and cities to leave, or worse, to expel them.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhammad H. EL-FARRA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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