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LETTER DATED 16 MAY 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF JORDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request a convening of the Security Council to consider Israel's defiance of Security Council resolution 468 (1980) adopted by the Security Council at its 2221st meeting on 8 May 1980.

The Mayors of Al-Khalil (Hebron) and Halhoul and His Eminence, the Imam of al-Haram al-Ibrahimi Holy Sanctuary had attempted to cross the River Jordan on 11 May 1980 but were forcibly turned back by the Israeli occupation forces.

The Government of Jordan takes a most serious view of this Israeli defiance of the Security Council which had called upon Israel as the occupying Power to rescind the deportation measures and to facilitate the immediate return of the expelled Palestinian leaders so that they can resume the functions for which they were elected and appointed. The Israeli occupation authorities had informed, in a written communication, to the Secretary-General, Dr. Kurt Waldheim, its refusal to abide by the Security Council decision as indicated in the report by the Secretary-General (S/13938) under Security Council resolution 468 (1980) of 13 May 1980.

It would be deeply appreciated if Your Excellency would take whatever steps that you may deem necessary to convene a Security Council meeting to explore ways and means of ensuring the full implementation of Security Council resolution 468 (1980).

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative