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Letter dated 2 June 1980 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I would like to draw your attention to the following acts of criminal terrorism conducted by the leaders of the Zionist entity in Palestine:

1. On the morning of 2 June 1980, another criminal act of terrorism was committed by the Zionist leadership in Palestine against our Arab people in the occupied territories of the West Bank of Jordan. Three time bombs were planted in cars belonging to Mr. Basam Al-Shaka', Mayor of the city of Nablus; Mr. Karim Khalaf, Mayor of the City of Ramallah; and Mr. Ibrahim Al-Taweel, Mayor of the City of Al-Beireh. Two of these bombs exploded, causing the dismemberment of the two legs of Mr. Al-Shaka' who is now in a very critical condition. The explosion of the second bomb also caused dismemberment of one of Mr. Khalaf's legs and damaged his hand. The third bomb, which exploded in the car belonging to Mr. Al-Taweel, caused complete damage of the car and a bomb expert lost his sight.

The Jordan Government, while condemning these barbaric and lawless practices, holds the Zionist occupation authorities responsible for these acts. The Jordan Government states clearly that security and safety of the civilian citizens under occupation are the responsibility of occupation authorities as provided by international law and the Fourth Geneva Convention of August 1949. 1/

The Jordan Government is convinced that these acts and practices are within the main stream of Zionist governmental strategy to quell Arab's fundamental rights and aspirations for self-determination and resistance against the establishment of Jewish settlements on Arab land.

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1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.

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2. Under the guise of inciting violence, the Israeli authorities revoked the licences of the two leading Arabic newspapers, Al-Fajr and Al-Shab, and banned indefinitely their distribution in the occupied West Bank of Jordan.

I would like to call upon Your Excellency to use your good offices in urging the Government of Israel to put an end to its criminal and terrorist acts against the inhabitants of the occupied Arab territories.

I kindly request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 51 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Saleh AL-ZUBI
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Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.
