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Letter dated 6 June 1980 from the Permanent  
Representative of Yemen to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the following statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the recent Israeli terrorist acts committed against the mayors of Nablus, Ramallah and Al Bireh in the Arab occupied territories on 2 June 1980:

"As it had always done, the Israeli Government has lately pursued terrorist acts against the civilian population in the occupied Palestinian and Arab land. The latest criminal acts against the mayors of Nablus, Ramallah and Al Bireh revealed the heroic resistance of the population of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip against the Israeli plantation of Jewish settlements and self-rule conspiracies.

"Unable to sustain such formidable resistance, the Israeli Government resumed its brutal acts in contravention of all principles of international law and practice which provide protection to the civilian population under foreign occupation.

"The Government of the Yemen Arab Republic, while denouncing and deploring these latest acts and all such terrorist acts committed by the Israeli occupation authorities against the unarmed civilian population, appeals to the international community, mainly the United Nations, to shoulder its responsibility in condemning and putting an end to such criminal acts.

"The United Nations is, therefore, obviously required to make a stand by imposing the will of the international community and prevailing on Israel to desist from carrying out such inhuman practices. Unless Israel complies with United Nations resolutions and respects its Charter, it should be disassociated from all international organizations and their activities.

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"By its latest acts, Israel once more proves beyond any doubt that it is a mere amalgam of terrorist groups that respect neither international law nor human morality."

I shall be grateful if you kindly circulate this letter as a document of the General Assembly, under item 24 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohsin A. ALAINI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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