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Letter dated 4 August 1980 from the Chairman of the Committee
on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian
People to the Secretary-General

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has authorized me, in my capacity as Chairman, to bring to your notice the inhuman treatment accorded by Israeli authorities in the occupied Arab territories to those inhabitants whom they have imprisoned.

It is clear that conditions in Israeli gaols are below normally accepted levels and that these have forced prisoners to resort to a hunger strike in protest.

Already there have been reports of deaths due to forced feeding while no attempt has evidently been made to improve present conditions.

These atrocities are clear violations of the human rights of the inhabitants of the occupied territories and call for an investigation of the inhuman conditions in Israeli gaols, in general, and of the Nefha desert gaol, in particular, where the prisoners have been driven to a hunger strike in protest against the inhuman conditions that prevail there.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 24 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Falikou KANE
Chairman of the
Committee on the Exercise of the
Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

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