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Letter dated 10 October 1980 from the Secretary-General to
the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the
Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

I wish to refer to your letter of 29 September 1980 (A/35/513-S/14209) and the meeting we held the next day regarding the expulsion from the West Bank of the Mayors of Hebron and Halhoul and the Sharia Judge of Hebron by the Israeli occupying authorities.

As I mentioned to you during our meeting, I have continued my efforts in regard to the implementation of Security Council resolution 469 (1980) and have raised this matter on a number of occasions with Israeli authorities.

On 6 October, I received the information, which was confirmed by the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations, that the Government of Israel had decided that day to allow the Mayors of Hebron and Halhoul to return to the West Bank to appeal their deportation order before a military review board. According to available information, I understand that the military review board began the procedural aspects of the hearing on 9 October and that the two Mayors have been invited to appear personally before the board between 14 and 16 October. I shall of course continue to follow this case closely.

Since your letter of 29 September 1980 has been distributed as a document of the General Assembly and the Security Council, I shall arrange for this message to be circulated in the same way.

(Signed) Kurt WALDHEIM