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QUESTION OF PALESTINE  
REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO  
INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES AFFECTING  
THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE POPULATION OF  
THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

SECURITY COUNCIL  
Thirty-sixth year

Letter dated 10 March 1981 from the Permanent Representative of  
Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey, at the request of His Eminence Rabbi Moshe Hirsch in his letter to me dated 8 March 1981, the enclosed message addressed to Your Excellency, on behalf of Neturei Karta of Jerusalem, on the brutal and sacrilegious manner by which the Zionist security forces, on 7 March 1981, committed an unprovoked and grave assault against hundreds of defenceless Orthodox Jews within the sanctity of their synagogue and Jeshiva Toldos Aharon, in the ancient Mea Shearim-Batei Ungarin quarter, a fraternal quarter adjacent to several Arab quarters.

Many citizens of Jerusalem, including myself, have always had the affinity, esteem and respect which rightfully belong to the genuine adherents of Judaism and their unswerving dedication to their great religion and traditions, by words and deeds. They are and have always been for countless generations the residuary legatee of the true Judaic tradition.

Having frequently walked the roads and alleys of this venerable quarter, shopped at its marketplace as a youth and kindled Sabbath lights whenever requested because religious ritual prevented the inhabitants from doing so, and having been offered their matzo bread, it is in deep sadness and dismay that I find myself impelled to convey to Your Excellency the complaint and the news of harassment and the desecration of the holy synagogue of true believers in God and humanity.

The tragedy which has befallen Jerusalem and the Holy Land stems directly from

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a relentless process of politicizing religious faith according to one's conscience by a power-hungry and ruthless Zionization of Judaism, whose cause they claim to espouse and defend. There are numerous boulevards in the world but there are few Mea Shearims in which abound a priceless legacy of true faith.

I request Your Excellency to initiate an investigation of the heedless acts committed against Orthodox Jews in Jerusalem.

I also request Your Excellency to circulate this message as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 31 and 64 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 8 March 1981 from Rabbi Moshe Hirsch  
to the Secretary-General

On behalf of thousands of Orthodox Jews in Jerusalem, we beg Your Excellency, to please come to our rescue and save us from the Zionist regime that would want to destroy through their lawless police all and any peaceful opposition to their sacrilegious state.

We beseech Your Excellency to please note the following: This past Saturday evening March 7, 1981 hundreds of Zionist police forces surrounded the Synagogue and Yeshiva Toldos Aharon while the Sabbath eve prayers were being recited. Police loudspeakers then demanded everyone in the building come out with hands raised. Close to one thousand men and children were in the Synagogue at the time. Within minutes after the police announcement, twelve (12) tear gas bombs were shot through the windows of the Synagogue causing many children and old men to faint and lose consciousness and when ambulances arrived to render first aid and take those children and elderly in need to hospitals, the Zionist police did not permit the first aid crews entry, nor did they allow anyone be carried out of the synagogue.

Suddenly, at a prearranged signal three hundred helmeted police stormed the Yeshiva and Synagogue, broke every window, door, table and bench in the four story edifice; tore Bibles, prayer books and other religious texts trampling them with their feet and then throwing them out the windows.

This unprovoked completely prearranged attack continued until one o'clock in the morning. This was not an act by Palestinian "terrorists" but by a "state" that calls itself the only democracy in the Middle East.

Saturday night's pogrom in Jerusalem against hundreds of defenseless Orthodox Jews is but the epoch of months of harassment, jailings and the hospitalization of many victims injured by the club wielding hooligans of Jerusalem Zionist Mayor Teddy Kollek.

The past few months have seen the water supply of thousands of men, women and children in Meah Shearim cut off. Teddy Kollek's municipality that continuously

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seeks to close ritual slaughterhouses with the excuse that it distracts the beautification of the Holy City, refused for an entire month to collect the garbage in Meah-Shearim - Batei Ungarin causing disease and near epidemic.

Forty-one people including Rabbi Uri Blau were hauled off to Zionist dungeons. The prisoners are not allowed food, nor the use of toilet facilities; they are forced to sleep on bare floors.

These latest actions leave no doubt as to the intentions of the Zionist regime: to stifle the cries of defenseless Jews who have never recognized the Zionist occupation of the Holy Land and especially Jerusalem. The Zionist state has clearly demonstrated their determination to abrogate the civil liberties and religious rights of the Orthodox Jews.

We fear that this is but the beginning of a reign of terror that the Zionists mean to implement against all those who reject their claim to the land and name of Israel, as demonstrated by the recent wanton destruction of the Yeshiva and Synagogues.

We therefore beg Your Excellency to:


a) declare immediate United Nations sovereignty over Jerusalem -- holy to all mankind.

b) appoint a responsible person or persons from among the members of the United Nations whose duty it will be to protect the rights and interests of Orthodox Jews, Arabs, and all other inhabitants of our Holy City.

We would appreciate if Your Excellency brought this appeal to the attention of the members of the Security Council, and the General Assembly.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest esteem.

Rabbi Moshe Hirsch



for Neturei Karta of Jerusalem

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