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THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE POPULATION OF  
THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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Letter dated 19 August 1981 from the Permanent Representative of  
Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention that the Israeli occupation authorities have prohibited any assistance being given to the municipalities, charitable institutions and other societies, and without which all those vital institutions would face the prospect of cessation of essential services to the citizens of the occupied territories, and even bankruptcy.

Having absorbed and seized most of the resources and the revenue-making enterprises which would enable the population of the occupied territories in the West Bank, Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip to generate local revenues and thus continue to provide essential services within their respective areas and spheres of civilian activities, the Israelis, in an effort to choke these institutions, have now prohibited the donation of funds from various Arab sources and private contributions. This is a destructive act intended to further stifle any viable existence of the inhabitants already suffering the ordeal and massive disruption of 14 years of occupation.

It is universally acknowledged that Israel, with a present deficit of over \$20 billion, and increasing annually by \$4 billion, is in no position to provide any meaningful assistance to these threatened institutions' services. Indeed, in the municipalities and municipal councils of the Palestinians of 1948, and even though they are, by law, supposed to be Israeli citizens, these local institutions have lately been making collective protest against the Government of Israel for its failure to provide assistance to sustain even the most elemental services in Arab towns such as Nazareth. In these areas, a state of non-growth and stagnation is the rule.

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The Mayors and leaders of these local institutions have protested to the Government of Israel that the assistance provided to them is less than one fourth of that which is being provided to the Jewish municipalities. It should be stressed, at this point, that the Israeli authorities had confiscated, between 1948 and 1967, over 90 per cent of the cultivable lands of the Palestinian inhabitants of these territories. Over the past two years, a relentless policy of additional confiscations is under way with a view to what the Israelis called "Judaization" of Galilee. The wanton behaviour of the Israeli authorities, whether in the 1967 occupied territories or the 1948 occupied territories, can only be intended to squeeze the Palestinian inhabitants out of their ancestral homeland and to bring about a further destabilization of the situation in the Middle East.

I request Your Excellency to have my letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 64 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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