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ISRAELI PRACTICES AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS
OF THE POPULATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

SECURITY COUNCIL

Thirty-seventh year

Letter dated 3 March 1982 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to convey to you the latest Israeli acts of confiscations, colonization and annexation of Palestinian lands in the occupied West Bank of Jordan and Jerusalem during the month of January 1982.

This catalogue of land confiscations is a part of the ongoing and relentless process of devouring the remnants of the occupied territories as a prelude to their annexation and the expulsion of their inhabitants. Furthermore, these Israeli criminal activities are intended to abort any efforts by the United Nations to achieve a just and lasting peace in the Middle East on the basis of United Nations resolutions and Palestinian redemption.

I would greatly appreciate it if the enclosed information in Arabic could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 61 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Israeli settlement during January 1982

During January 1982, the occupation authorities confiscated the following land areas in the West Bank for settlement purposes:

1. 2,000 dunums of the lands of the village of Al-Mughayyir in the Ramallah district, confiscated on 2 January 1982;
2. 20 dunums of the lands of Jabal al-Mukabbir in the Jerusalem district, confiscated on 5 January 1982;
3. 200 dunums of the lands of Al-Jib in the Ramallah district, confiscated on 10 January 1982;
4. 1,000 dunums of the lands of the village of Al-Ridis in the Bethlehem district, confiscated on 27 January 1982;
5. 700 dunums of the lands of the village of Beit Surik in the Ramallah district, confiscated on 28 January 1982;
6. 800 dunums of the lands of the villages of Abud and Al-Laban in the Ramallah district, confiscated on 30 January 1982.

The following are some of the Israeli assaults on West Bank lands which occurred during this month.

1. Bulldozers belonging to the Israeli settlers in Kiryat Arba carried out levelling operations on the lands in the Biyar al-Muhawir district lying to the east of the city of Hebron and belonging to the Arab citizens residing there.
2. On 13 January 1982, the people of the village of Emmatain in the Tulkarm district were surprised by Israeli bulldozers bulldozing hundreds of dunums of their lands. The Jerusalem Post, which carried this news, did not mention the area of those lands.
3. On 28 January 1982, Israeli settlers made an assault on the lands of the Jericho Building Society, located along the thoroughfare leading to King Hussein Bridge, in an attempt to gain possession of them and turn them into a settlement site.

Among the settlement issues raised during this month, we may mention the following.

1. The Municipality of Jerusalem and the Israeli Ministry of Housing completed the implementation of the phased settlement project to surround the city of Jerusalem with a concentrated series of settlements, beginning from the town of Bethlehem in the south, encircling the city of Jerusalem from the east, passing through Al-Khan al-Ahmar, where there is the settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim, and thence to the settlement of Neve Ya'akov and the settlement which was opened on 30 December 1981, Tsfun Yerushalaim, and extending to the Arab village of Al-Jib in the south-west, where construction of the settlement of Givat Z'ev is being completed.

2. The Israeli army has embarked on the preparation of ten settlement concentrations in various parts of the West Bank. It is reported that these concentrations are not affiliated with the Israeli settlement agencies but will eventually be turned into permanent settlements.

3. Jewish settlers erected some buildings on the old site of the settlement of Allon Moreh in the Nablus district. Citizens in the area brought a complaint before the Israeli court concerning this, fearing the establishment of a new settlement on the same site.

With regard to Israeli settlement in the Gaza Strip and Sinai during this month, it was reported in the press of the occupied territory that, on 25 January 1982, a new settlement was established in the northern part of the Gaza Strip. It covers an area of 4,000 dunums, and 56 Jewish families will settle there. On 21 January 1982, the "stop Israeli withdrawal from Sinai" movement established a new settlement on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea in the northern part of Sinai named Ma'oz Hayam, or Fortress of the Sea.
