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OF THE POPULATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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Letter dated 25 March 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I wish to draw your attention to a new wave of desecration of holy Muslim shrines by Israeli Jewish settlers. At 6.30 p.m. on 2 March 1982, a group of 15 Jews calling themselves "Trustees of Mount Temple", armed with machine guns and bayonets from the Israeli settlement of Kiryat Arba near Hebron, stormed Al-Aqsa Mosque by way of Al-Selsela Gate in Jerusalem. They beat the guards at the entrance and made their way to the holy sanctuary located between the Moroccan Gate and Al-Aqsa Mosque. After a bloody fight, the guards and the police were able to flush out the Jewish group from inside the sanctuary. A Palestinian guard named Hasan Mustafa Hasanain was taken to the hospital to be treated for a bayonet wound in his left side.

This naked aggression against Muslim holy places by Jewish settlers has led to waves of protests in the occupied West Bank. In Jerusalem, a general strike was declared on Thursday, 4 March 1982. In Bir Zeit, a demonstration carried out by protestors resulted in a confrontation between the Israeli army and the Arab demonstrators. Similar protest demonstrations were carried out in the cities of Nablus, Bethlehem and Jericho.

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I kindly request that this letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 61 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
