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LETTER DATED 24 MARCH 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF JORDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward to you the enclosed letter, at the request of Mr. Habib Chatty, Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, concerning the acts of Israeli criminal repression and assault against the Palestinian people, the oppression of mayors in the occupied territories, the dissolution of an elected municipal council and other serious acts of terrorism.

I request, Excellency, that this letter and its enclosure be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 23 March 1982 from the Permanent Observer of
the Organization of the Islamic Conference addressed to
the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the message addressed to you by Mr. Habib Chatty, Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, concerning the action taken by the Israeli authorities to dissolve the municipal council of the town of El Bireh in the occupied West Bank.

(Signed) Ambassador Youssouf SYLLA
Permanent Observer of the
Organization of the Islamic
Conference to the United Nations

Enclosure

Letter dated 23 March 1982 from the Secretary-General of
the Organization of the Islamic Conference addressed to
the President of the Security Council

I should like to bring to your kind attention that the Israeli occupation authorities have, on 18 March 1982, dissolved the elected municipal council of the town of El Bireh in the occupied West Bank and dismissed Mr. Ibrahim Taweel from the chairmanship of the council, on the spurious grounds that the council and the mayor had refused to have any dealings with the Israeli civilian administration. Simultaneously, the mayors of Nablus, Anepta and Ramallah continue to be systematically harassed.

It is well known to Your Excellency that the Israeli occupation authorities have been following, over a very long period, a policy of criminal repression and assault against the Palestinian people in all the towns and villages of the occupied Palestinian territories. Recently, however, Israel has seriously escalated its past criminal practices against the unarmed civilian Palestinians and has completely isolated the three towns of Nablus, El Bireh and Ramallah.

The oppression of mayors in the occupied territories and the dissolution of an elected municipal council bring out vividly that Israel believes in force alone for the implementation of her brutal and oppressive policies against a helpless people. The Israeli occupation authorities have lately been resorting to the language of weapons, as can be seen from the recent deaths of civilian populations, including children.

The Organization of the Islamic Conference considers these acts of the Israeli occupation authorities a clear indication of Israel's ceaseless efforts towards the total annexation of the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. This constitutes a new and serious escalation that endangers peace and security in the Middle East.

The Organization of the Islamic Conference believes that the United Nations has a clear duty to adopt the necessary and effective measures in preventing Israeli from annexing the Palestinian territories under its military occupation, after it has annexed, in the recent past, the Holy City of Jerusalem and the Syrian Golan territories.

The Powers that extend unqualified military and political support to Israel today bear a great responsibility. It is their military support which gives Israel the instruments with which it reinforces its occupation of the Palestinian and Arab territories, and it is their political support which helps Israel to continue challenging the international will and in thwarting the application of the deterrent measures and sanctions that are stipulated in the Charter of the United Nations.

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The Organization of the Islamic Conference is confident that the international community will find effective means for preventing continuing Israeli crimes against humanity, in conformity with the international laws and conventions, and with the aim of defending peace and security in the Middle East and the world.

(Signed) Habib CHATTY
Secretary-General of the
Organization of the
Islamic Conference
