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Letter dated 14 September 1982 from the Chairman of the Committee
on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian
People addressed to the Secretary-General

In my capacity as Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, while observing with satisfaction that an end has been put to the Israeli aggression at Beirut which, as is known, claimed many victims, I regret that I must once more emphasize the Committee's concern at the most recent reports received from the illegally occupied Palestinian territory of the West Bank, which tend to show that the violence of the Israeli aggression has scarcely been reduced.

According to The New York Times of 6 September 1982, the Israeli Government has allocated the sum of \$18.5 million for the construction of three new settlements on the illegally occupied West Bank and announced that it would authorize the establishment of seven others.

The 10 new settlements approved by the Israeli Government would raise to 109 the number of settlements on the West Bank and in Gaza, all of them built in flagrant violation of the fourth Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 ^{1/} and of the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, in particular Council resolution 465 (1980).

Moreover, according to The Washington Post of 8 September 1982, the Israeli frontier police have shot and killed a young Arab 16 years of age near the town of Tulkarm on the West Bank. The same newspaper also reports the death of another young Arab, 18 years of age, shot by the Israeli frontier police at Nablus, on the West Bank, on 3 September 1982.

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On behalf of the Committee, I reaffirm once more that appropriate vigorous measures should be taken without delay to protect the rights of the Palestinians living in the occupied territories.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 31 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Massamba SARRE
Chairman of the Committee
on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights
of the Palestinian People

Note

1/ United Nations Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 973, p. 287.
