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LETTER DATED 20 APRIL 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. Zuhdi Labib Terzi, the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization, concerning the latest brutal and inhuman attacks of the Israeli army on the civilian inhabitants of the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Inasmuch as these criminal repressions in the occupied Palestinian territories have remained under high tension, 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 19 April 1982 from the Permanent Observer of the
Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to enclose herewith a message addressed to you from
Rashad Shawwa, the Mayor of Gaza.

(Signed) Zuhdi Labib TERZI
Permanent Observer

Enclosure

Letter dated 19 April 1982 from the Mayor of Gaza addressed to
the President of the Security Council

I appeal to you to intervene in the cause of humanity to alleviate the brutal attacks of the Israeli army on the civilian inhabitants of the occupied Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

The population here is continuously being oppressed and brutalized by the Israeli army, who shoot unarmed women and children causing death and injury. The bodies of those killed are often denied proper funeral services, the injured are often left unattended without medical aid, due to curfews imposed on their areas which prevent them getting to the hospitals which are also under seige by the army.

Many areas in the Gaza Strip have been under curfew for as long as five days without allowing the inhabitants the opportunity to procure basic necessities to sustain them and their children. This is what is happening at the moment in the town of Rafah where 80,000 inhabitants have been subjected to total curfew for five days.

The sanctity of the holy places is no longer respected, as Israeli soldiers have even attacked the peaceful worshipers with tear gas bombs and bullets.

Merely to walk in the streets of Gaza has become dangerous as Israeli soldiers pick up children and youths at random, beat them brutally or arrest them.

I submit this appeal asking you to intervene in order to stop these inhuman attacks on the unarmed and defenceless population. I would ask you to circulate my appeal to the representatives of the major powers and to urge them to use their influence to save the women, children and the elderly people who are being terrorised every day simply because they seek to regain their freedom and their acknowledged right to self-determination.

For God's sake act without delay to protect the people of Gaza and the West Bank.

(Signed) Rashad S. SHAWWA
Mayor of Gaza
Occupied Palestine
