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LETTER DATED 23 JULY 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO
THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I enclose herewith a letter from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine
Liberation Organization.

I request Your Excellency to circulate the enclosure as a document of the
Security Council.

(Signed) Abdulla Yaccoub BISHARA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 18 July 1979 from the Permanent Observer of
the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization I am requested to bring the following to your immediate attention, vis-à-vis Security Council resolution 446 (1979) of 22 March 1979.

Thirteen Palestinian inhabitants from the occupied Palestinian village of Salfit near Nablus, recently went to the so-called Israeli "Supreme Court" to seek an injunction against the expropriation of their land for a neo-fascist Zionist settlement.

Supported by documents and papers proving the Palestinians had inherited the land from their fathers and grandfathers, and that the land was properly registered, attorneys Felicia Langer and Abd Asali asked that the so-called "Supreme Court" issue an order forbidding the occupation authority from expropriating 3,500 dunams of their clients' land.

Their request stated that the occupation authority's Deputy Military Governor of occupied Tulkarm had notified the Mayor of Salfit approximately two months earlier of the occupation authority's intent to expropriate 3,500 dunams of privately owned land belonging to the villages of Salfit, Marda and Sakalea, about two thirds of which belonged to Salfit.

The Palestinian owners of the land were not given any prior written notification of the seizure of their land and a week ago a number of labourers started fencing off their land, it was not until that time that they realized that their land, like the land of so many other Palestinians has been expropriated.

The requests submitted by the attorneys on behalf of the Palestinians not only confirm that the seizure was illegal but that the Palestinians were in fact tilling the land which was their source of living.

I would like to bring your attention to an article in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency of 13 July 1979, No. 134, which stated that though the so-called "Supreme Court" issued a temporary injunction, local Palestinians had been given 15 days to pinpoint their claims, after which the "government" would be required to show cause why the land should not remain open and unfenced.

It is important to be clear about the nature of such "due process of law". The truth of the matter is the law of the Zionists is not so naive as to take the rights of the Palestinians into consideration. The law takes the land of the Palestinians, and the Palestinians have to prove their ownership of the land, not the Zionists who expropriated it.

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But even if the Palestinians have proof it will do them no good. The simple truth is that the acquisition of land in Palestine has always been a central objective of the Zionist movement, there is no Zionist settlement and there is no Zionist State without displacing the Palestinians and without confiscating their lands and property.

The Zionist State with its inherent racist ideology will continue in the future to displace the Palestinian inhabitants by methods not approved or sanctioned by law and order, or civilized man, even if it entails the annihilation of every Palestinian man, woman and child to reach its evil ends.

Given the violent and racist aims of the racist Zionist entity in occupied Palestine, the Palestine Liberation Organization, as I have indicated in previous letters, will take all measures to protect and safeguard the lives and property of the Palestinian people.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI
Permanent Observer
