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LETTER DATED 9 AUGUST 1979 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I. OF
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am enclosing herewith a letter from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization denouncing the Israeli Government's seizure and confiscation of Bedouin land by force, as part of the total Zionist policy of taking over the Palestinian land.

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

(Signed) Abdulmohsen EL-JEAN
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.
Permanent Mission of the
State of Kuwait to the
United Nations

Annex

Letter dated 6 August 1979 from the Permanent Observer of the
Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization I am requested to bring to your attention information regarding the seizure of Bedouin lands by the racist Government of Israel, which appeared in articles published in Time Magazine of 6 August 1979, and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Daily News Bulletin, No. 148, of 2 August 1979.

It is reported that a racist law that would permit the seizure of 40,000 acres of Bedouin lands without the right of appeal passed its first reading in the Knesset. Since the Bedouins' lands are being confiscated under a special law which enables the racist Government of Israel to expropriate lands for "vital security interests" and in this particular case in order that three new military air fields can be built, the Bedouins have no right of judicial appeal. In fact the government-sponsored bill bans the right of the Bedouins to appeal the confiscation of their land to the courts.

The bill provides that the States will acquire title to the lands specified on the date the law takes effect. The Bedouins would be given three months to evacuate and turn over the lands to the State. It is likely that the dispossessed Bedouins, approximately 10,000 of them, could well have nowhere to go. There is no doubt that this so-called special bill is based on outright anti-Semitic racism because it is directed exclusively at the Palestinian people under occupation.

The continuing Zionist policy of expropriating Palestinian land, intimidation and coercion directed against the Palestinian Arabs under occupation can but increase the international community's awareness that racist anti-Semitic zionism is an evil ideology based on the perpetuation of division, exclusivism and racial and religious discrimination.

Given the violent and racist aims of the 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
