

**General Assembly**Distr.
GENERALA/37/505
1 October 1982

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

Thirty-seventh session
Agenda items 31, 34, 58, 59 and 90

QUESTION OF PALESTINE

THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF GOOD-NEIGHBOURLINESS
BETWEEN STATESREVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE
STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

Letter dated 29 September 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose a message of greetings from Babrak Karmal, President of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and General Secretary of the People's Democratic Party, addressed to the people of Afghanistan, which was broadcast and telecast on the eve of Eid-ul-Adha (the Feast of Sacrifices).

I have further the honour to request that this letter and the above-mentioned annex be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda items 31, 34, 58, 59 and 90.

(Signed) M. Farid ZARIF
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

E I D - U L - A D H A

Kabul, September 27, Bakhtar: In a radio-telecast message of greetings addressed to the people of Afghanistan on the eve of EID-UL-ADHA (the Feast of Sacrifices), Babrak Karmal, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan and President of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, said that the annual observation and celebration of EID-UL-ADHA in Afghanistan demonstrates the deep and profound faith and interest of our pious people in the great principle of struggle for the cause of right and homeland, for the defense of peace, tranquility, justice, welfare and prosperity. The observance of such an occasion is significant and vital especially under the prevailing conditions when Afghanistan and its people are in need of peace, solidarity and fraternal understanding.

Babrak Karmal noted that this year, the people are celebrating EID-UL-ADHA in conditions when the country has inflicted fatal and deadly blows to the counter-revolutionary bands who are faced with a growing crisis and have come to realize that their subversive actions have proven to be futile. As a result of the aggravating conditions of the Afghan counter-revolutionary bands residing outside the country, an increasing number of Afghan nationals who were deceived by the enemies voluntarily returned to their homeland and resumed their normal life. In this connection, Babrak Karmal reiterated that the amnesty decree dated June 18, 1981 is still in force as a reliable guarantee for all those Afghan nationals who want to lay down their arms, to return to their country and cooperate with their government. The persons who are availing of this decree and would be returning to their homeland, Babrak Karmal pointed out in his message, would not only be excused from their past deeds, but all their rights and freedom will also be guaranteed as citizens with equal rights.

Touching upon the international problems, Karmal said, the people of the world are witnessing the new and shameless crimes of the Israeli Zionists in Lebanon which led to the massacre of thousands of Palestinian women, children and old men, which have shocked the conscience of the progressive mankind and honest man. The responsibility of this ignominious and inhuman action lies completely on the United States imperialists who have enabled Israel to invade and trample over the rights of the Palestinian Arabs and other Arab peoples by giving arms and large scale assistance to the aggressors.

Babrak Karmal strongly supported the demands of Arabs for the immediate cessation of U.S. aids to Israel and the expulsion of Israel from the United Nations organization.

Karmal added that the only effective solution for the problems of the Middle East can be found in the realization of the latest six-point initiatives set forth by the Soviet Union.

Babrak Karmal said that the recognition of the just rights of Palestinian people, including the right of the establishment of their independent state should be considered a key to the solution of the Middle East crisis. He strongly condemned the criminal and inhuman actions of Israeli Zionists and their American supporters and said, "once again, we declare our militant and revolutionary solidarity with the fraternal peoples of Palestine and Lebanon and demand the immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanon".

In his message, Babrak Karmal extended sincere greetings to all the peoples of Afghanistan, to all Moslems of the world, pashtoon and baluch brothers and the brotherly people of the neighbouring Iran and Pakistan.
