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Letter dated 19 September 1979 from the Permanent Representative of
Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the latest Israeli usurpation of Arab land in the occupied West Bank of Jordan. In defiance of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and in violation of the principles of the fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 ^{1/} relating to the protection of civilians under occupation, the Israeli authorities in the last few days expropriated agricultural areas in the West Bank amounting to 25,665 dunums for the establishment of new Israeli settlements.

This area stretches from the city of Jenin in the north to the far south of the occupied West Bank. Israeli bulldozers have been destroying Arab crops supplanting olive trees and demolishing existing buildings in order to prepare the land for illegal settlements.

The area of land expropriated between Jenin and Nablus, where two Israeli settlements would be established, amounted to 1,300 dunums. Two Arab towns will soon suffer as a result of Israeli usurpation of these lands. The towns are Beit Qan and Arraba.

Israeli occupation authorities expropriated also 16,000 dunums of land in the Tulkarem area in Wadi Qana adjoining Deir Astia. This is one of the most fertile lands where olive and fruit trees are grown abundantly.

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

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In the area of Ramallah the Israelis expropriated 800 dunums of land located between the Arab villages of Ain Yabroud and Silwad north of Ramallah.

The area of Jerusalem suffered the most as a result of Israeli usurpation of private and public property. The area expropriated amounted to 6,765 dunums of land owned by the Arab villagers of Anata north-east of Jerusalem.

In the area of Bethlehem 400 dunums of land were expropriated from lands owned by the villagers of Hussan, south-west of Bethlehem. In the area of Hebron, the Israeli usurpers expropriated 800 dunums of land owned by the Arabs of Ethna village. A 40-metre wide highway will be constructed which would pass through the area of Hebron from the western edge of the West Bank and stretch eastward to the Dead Sea.

I call upon Your Excellency to use your good offices to put an end to the inhuman practices of the Israeli authorities in the West Bank of Jordan, including Jerusalem.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 51 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
