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Letter dated 26 May 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter dated 25 May 1988, I have the honour to inform you that the Israeli occupation forces expelled a further 15 youths and five women from the village of Chabaa on 26 May 1988.

Israel is today repeating the action which it carried out yesterday, when it expelled 17 citizens from the same village because they would not co-operate with the occupation forces in setting up a local civilian administration linked to the Israeli authorities. Its intention in carrying out such action is to change the administrative situation of the territories under Israeli control, which constitutes a further violation of the pertinent Geneva Conventions, to which Israel itself is a party.

In rejecting and condemning this fresh act of aggression against the rights of Lebanese citizens on their own soil, the Lebanese Government calls the attention of the international community to the seriousness of its consequences, in terms both of the arbitrary treatment meted out to citizens and of the reinforcement of the Israeli occupation and its impact within the so-called "security zone".

I once again request your rapid and decisive intervention to secure the return of the deportees to their village and to call upon Israel to desist from these actions, which further exacerbate the situation of crisis in the region and reduce the possibilities of achieving security and peace for its people.

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I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 40 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Chawki CHOUERI
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