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Letter dated 7 December 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of Yemen to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, in my capacity as Chairman of the Arab Group for the month of December 1982, to enclose herewith a letter dated 3 December 1982 from the Palestine Liberation Organization. The content of the letter is related to the deplorable and inhuman condition of the Palestinians and Lebanese detained by Israel in the Ansar concentration camp.

It would be highly appreciated if you could circulate the letter as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 31.

(Signed) Ahmed MUFAREH
Chargé d'Affaires

ANNEX

Letter dated 3 December 1982 from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, I am requested to bring the following to your most urgent attention.

Israeli soldiers at the Ansar concentration camp in southern Lebanon, where some 5-6,000 Palestinians and Lebanese are being detained, killed two Palestinians and wounded four others yesterday. An Israeli spokesman claimed that the killing had occurred when an Israeli soldier triggered his gun.

The Israeli Hebrew daily Davar, on 29 November 1982, reported on the harsh conditions Palestinians and Lebanese prisoners face in the Ansar concentration camp. 45 prisoners are housed to one tent, and exposed to the severe cold and rainy weather of southern Lebanon. Davar reported that the purposeful psychological and physical pressure on the prisoners has created an atmosphere of tension which could explode at any time. The Davar correspondent reported that both sick and elderly people were imprisoned, and one prisoner was 80 years-old.

The situation in the Israeli occupied Palestinian territories continues to escalate with increased repressive measures against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank following a massive demonstration to mark International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

In Ramallah, the Israeli military governor issued orders on 30 November, closing the Boys Secondary School and the Teachers Training Center for three weeks.

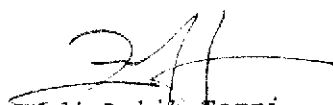
In Al-Bira, occupation authorities imposed a curfew on the commercial center. 200 Palestinian women from Bethlehem and the neighbouring Al Dheisha camp, were detained at the office of the Israeli military governor from the morning of the 29 November until late in the evening, for participating in the demonstrations marking International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people.

In Beit Jala, the occupation authorities issued orders preventing 40 students at the Vocational School from attending classes.

Israeli occupation authorities arrested a group of Palestinians in the town of Tulkarem on the 2 December, claiming that they had been active against the occupation during the past three years in Tel Aviv, Ptah Tikva and Ranana. The occupation authorities demolished one of the detainee's home, and sealed another one.

In Haifa five Palestinians were arrested today. They were members of a committee opposed to the Israeli invasion of Lebanon. An Israeli spokesman said those arrested were distributing pamphlets against the occupation authorities. The pamphlets called for a demonstration against the Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest esteem.


Zuhdi Labib Terzi
Permanent Observer