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LETTER DATED 26 JULY 1983 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF JORDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I wish to draw your attention and the attention of distinguished Council members to the criminal and shameful attack carried out by a band of armed Israeli settlers against Arab civilians in the Arab city of Hebron during the morning of 26 July 1983. A group of armed Jewish settlers carried out an organized assault, breaking into the Islamic College in the city of Hebron and firing at random on male and female students and also on college staff. Initial reports stated that three persons died and 40 others were wounded.

This treacherous and disgraceful attack, which follows close upon a similar attack carried out by Israeli settlers against the civilian Arab population in the city of Hebron on 7 July 1983, confirms, beyond any doubt, the intentions of the Israeli occupation authorities with regard to the Arab population and the occupied Arab territories. The planning and preparation for these attacks carried out by Jewish settlers is done by the official occupation authorities, and the attacks are a part of a comprehensive plan and firmly established policy which Israel has been implementing against the Arab territories occupied since 1967, as a preliminary to swallowing up and annexing these territories following the expulsion of the indigenous population.

The basic and the sole goal of these criminal attacks is to strike terror into the hearts of the Arab population in order to force them to leave their homes and land and abandon them to the Israeli settlers.

There is no need for me to stress once again that the international community must confront this terrorist policy with indignation and sorrow. Nor is there any need for me to emphasize once again the danger to peace which the persistence of such terrorist acts presents.

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In conclusion, I wish to point out that such barbarous attacks constitute a flagrant violation of the principles of international law relating to occupation and, in particular, the fourth Geneva Convention of 1949.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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