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OF THE ARAB LEAGUE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

It has come to my knowledge from authentic sources that after the fall of Eltera, an Arab village near Haifa, Jewish forces carried away twenty-eight inhabitants to the Ellougoun front where they were burnt alive by setting fire to their clothes which had been saturated with petrol. This occurred during the present cease-fire. I possess names of fourteen victims and also the name of an eyewitness. In bringing this inhuman act to your Excellency's notice, I would like to place on record the Arabs strongest protest against these atrocities and to request an urgent inquiry to be opened with a view to discovering the authors and most stringent measures to be taken to prevent repetition of these acts of violence and inhuman savageries.

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