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Letter dated 29 September 1988 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government and further to my previous letters, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

The Israeli military tribunal at Lod recently condemned two Lebanese citizens - Abdel Karim Mahmoud (17 years old) and Mohammed Ali Darsaoui (21 years old) - to 15 and 17 years' imprisonment respectively for resistance to the Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon.

The arrest by Israel of the aforementioned Lebanese citizens in Lebanese territory and their imprisonment in Israeli prisons for resisting the occupant, as well as their sentencing by an Israeli court under Israeli laws, constitute a flagrant violation of the fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, and particularly of article 49.

The Lebanese Government strongly condemns Israel's recourse to such practices, which are contrary to international rules and laws and to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Moreover, by arresting in Lebanese territory two Lebanese citizens who are subject only to Lebanese laws and bringing them before alien courts in alien territory, the alien Israeli authorities are creating a dangerous precedent.

The Lebanese Government addresses an urgent appeal to the United Nations, to the Security Council and to the Secretariat to take speedily all necessary steps to bring Israel to release and repatriate the detainees and cease its repressive and illegal practices.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 40, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rachid FAKHOURY
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Permanent Representative