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LETTER DATED 21 FEBRUARY 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF SOUTHERN YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a telegram to Your Excellency from H.E. the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Southern Yemen.

I request that the text be distributed as an official document of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

(Signed) Ismail Saeed NOAMAN
Permanent Representative of the
People's Republic of Southern Yemen
to the United Nations

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Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that I have heard with great sorrow and anxiety the news of the collective slaughter perpetrated by Israel on Thursday, 13 February 1969, by firing the guns of its tanks and other weapons at the civilian inhabitants of Khan Yunis. This brutal act resulted in injury to thirty civilians, of whom ten women died later.

We consider this a wholesale violation of the principles of human rights which all nations have sworn to respect by collectively upholding man's rights and freedoms, whether living in countries that are independent, protected or occupied. We believe that the continuation of these human slaughters shows the fascistic and criminal methods persistently followed by Israel.

We beseech you to affirm your rejection of these barbaric deeds and to show and express your support for the freedom and rights of the inhabitants of the occupied lands until they regain their freedom and until their human rights come to be respected.

We also beseech you to condemn these inhuman acts and to guarantee the lives of all Arab citizens against the barbarism of Israel and its methods of collective annihilation of the people who are legally resisting the brutal occupation of their homes and lands.

The United Nations, today, must firmly stand against these Israeli aggressions and acts of genocide which are a challenge to all the resolutions of the United Nations and which show a flagrant disregard for the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the basic principles of humanity and international law. We ask the United Nations to apply the rules of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 and to apply sanctions in accordance with the United Nations Charter.

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

Faisal Abdul-Latif
Minister for Foreign Affairs
