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LETTER DATED 25 OCTOBER 1968 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED  
NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

On behalf of the United Nations Council for Namibia, I have the honour to draw your attention to the serious situation which has arisen in the north-eastern part of the Territory in the region of the Caprivi Strip. The Council has received information that the South African police have killed forty-six Namibians and arrested 117 others. These illegal actions by the South African authorities are in blatant violation of the resolutions of the United Nations on the question of Namibia by which South Africa has ceased to have any right to administer or exercise any authority over the Territory.

The Council condemns these atrocities in the strongest possible terms.

The Council is seriously concerned with this situation and considers it imperative that urgent action should be taken to prevent the further massacre of Namibians struggling for their freedom. The Council has accordingly decided unanimously, pursuant to the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 2145 (XXI) of 27 October 1966, 2248 (S-V) of 19 May 1967 and 2325 (XXII) of 21 December 1967 as well as Security Council resolution 246 (1968) of 14 March 1968 by which the Security Council took cognizance of its special responsibility towards the people of the Territory of South West Africa (Namibia), to draw the urgent attention of the Security Council to the serious situation which has arisen as a result of these arbitrary actions of the South African Government.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Accept, etc.

(Signed) Gopalaswami PARTHASARATHI  
President  
United Nations Council  
for Namibia

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