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LETTER DATED 29 JULY 1968 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES a.i. OF JORDAN  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, and with reference to my letter of 25 July 1968, (S/8691), in which I drew the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the Israeli plan for the deportation of 50,000 Palestinian refugees from the Gaza Strip, I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention a most dangerous and explosive development.

Yesterday, 28 July, the Israeli authorities embarked upon the implementation of their sinister plan. They carried the Gaza refugees in buses and attempted to force them to cross King Hussein Bridge to the East Bank of Jordan. Consequently, our authorities closed the bridge and halted any entrance to the East Bank.

Today, 29 July, the Israeli authorities once again attempted to enforce the crossing of three bus loads of refugees escorted by an Israeli military force. Again, our posts on the bridge foiled the attempt. As a result, the Israeli forces opened fire on our observation posts. Firing lasted twenty minutes.

Later on, the Israelis brought new groups of refugees. This time the operation was under the supervision of the Military Governor of Jerico District and supported by Israeli tanks and military units.

This lawless Israeli act of mass expulsion of refugees, in open defiance of the Security Council resolutions pertaining to the cease-fire and the safety, welfare and security of the inhabitants of the occupied Arab territories constitutes a grave threat to peace and security with far reaching implications both to the lives of these innocent refugees and the area as a whole.

I shall keep Your Excellency informed of any further developments

I request this letter to be circulated as a Security Council official document.  
Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Anton A. NABER  
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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