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LETTER DATED 27 MARCH 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF JORDAN
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw Your Excellency's attention to the new Israeli threats against Jordan, uttered by the Israeli Prime Minister in a speech before the Israeli Parliament yesterday, in which he warned Jordan that Israel would take military action again against the East Bank of Jordan and that Jordan must face the consequences. His speech embodied some fabricated allegations against Jordan intended to mislead world public opinion and to pave the way for a future justification of a new Israeli attack against Jordan.

I am instructed to state the following in this respect:

1. The Jordan Government most emphatically denies, as it has in the past, that it has any connexion whatsoever with the incidents allegedly occurred in the Israeli occupied Arab territory.

The Jordan Government does not consider itself responsible for the safety and security of the Israeli forces, which are occupying parts of the Jordan territory.

2. The direct cause for these alleged incidents is the refusal of the Arab people in the occupied territories to accept foreign military occupation.

3. The answer to these acts of national resistance is not the renewal of Israeli acts of aggression against the citizens of Jordan, but a genuine co-operation with the Secretary-General's Special Representative, Ambassador Gunnar Jarring, and the implementation of the Security Council resolution of 22 November 1967. Israel has failed to show a positive and constructive attitude in this regard.

4. The Government of Jordan rejects the Israeli Prime Minister's warning to Jordan, which shows utter contempt to world public opinion and is a direct defiance to the Security Council resolution of 24 March 1968 that condemned Israel for its military action against Jordan.

Your Excellency is well aware of the intensity of the resistance displayed by the Jordanian citizens and army in the face of last week's Israeli aggression against the Karameh camp and other Jordanian positions in the East Bank. I need not reiterate that a new Israeli attack would lead to a further deterioration. Your Excellency and the members of the Security Council know by now that what the Israeli authorities say in words, the Israeli armed forces carry out in the most cruel and atrocious manner. The recent genocide acts committed against innocent and helpless citizens of Jordan during last week's attack offer a glaring example.

The above Israeli attitude is not helping the efforts of the United Nations to have peace and security in the area through the implementation of the resolution of 22 November 1967.

I need not reiterate that a new Israeli armed attack against Jordanian lands and positions will lead to a renewed armed conflict in the area, of wider intensity, and Israel alone will bear the full responsibility of its utter disregard and breach of security and peace in the Middle East.

I request this letter to be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Muhammad H. EL-FARRA
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