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LETTER DATED 8 AUGUST 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF JORDAN  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention a new atrocious crime committed by the Israel authorities against Arab civilians in the occupied part of Jordan.

On the morning of 26 July 1967, the Israel armed forces arrested eight Jordanian citizens near Aouja Village. After being searched and their possessions confiscated they were forcibly taken to the Hayek Bridge on the Jordan River, where they were brutally beaten with rifle butts and machine-guns.

According to Ali Hassan Ali Suleiman, an eyewitness and the only survivor, the victims were told to swim to the East Bank. They were later thrown in the river and seven of them were shot in cold blood.

Ali Hassan Ali Suleiman, who escaped death by diving under the water and hiding behind a bush, is now undergoing medical treatment at Salt Hospital.

This act of genocide is not different from that of Dair Yassin massacre where the same terrorist methods were used by Irgun Terrorist Organization, whose leader, Menachim Beigin, is now a member of the Israel Cabinet.

It is clear that physical torture and acts of violence are used in an attempt to create an atmosphere for yet another Arab exodus and at the same time to undermine the determination of the refugees in the East Bank to return to their homes, farms and camps.

I shall be grateful if this letter is circulated as General Assembly and Security Council documents.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Muhammad H. EL-FARRA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

