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LETTER DATED 16 OCTOBER 1967 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF JORDAN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention new aggressive acts committed by the Israeli occupation forces in violation of the cease-fire resolutions.

On 14 October 1967 at 805 local time, the Israeli occupation forces opened fire from the occupied area west of Sheikh Hussein Bridge on the village of Sheikh Muhammad. Twenty tanks were used by the Israelis in that instance and the exchange lasted till 855. At 905, fifteen of the Israeli tanks proceeded towards Ma'ous Haim's settlement leaving the remaining five in the area of the fighting.

At 925 an armed Israeli patrol advanced towards the bridge and engaged our National Guards; the exchange of firing lasted till 950.

As a result of these criminal attacks three houses were demolished in the village of Sheikh Muhammad, seven civilians, among them women, were seriously wounded and a five-year-old child was found missing.

This attack is part of an Israeli policy of intimidation and terror to undermine the Security Council's resolutions and to impose Israeli conditions on the world Organization. In pursuit of this objective, the Israeli authorities have perpetrated the following acts of lawlessness:

1. On 25 August 1967, the body of Mahmoud Hussein Shehab, a student at the Trade School of Wadi Alseer, was found in the Jordan River. He was killed by machine-gun fire. On that same day, the body of another Arab was found near the baptismal place of the West Bank of the river. He too lost his life as a result of Israeli machine-gun fire.

2. During the week ending 28 August 1967, the Israeli occupation forces killed three young Arabs who were trying to cross the Jordan River on their way to their relatives in the West Bank.

3. On 29 August 1967, the Israeli occupation forces opened fire and killed an Arab youth who was crossing the Jordan River heading for the West Bank.

4. On 31 August 1967, the occupying military forces imposed a curfew on the inhabitants of the village of Aqraba^t, Nablus District, and demolished a number of houses on the pretext that arms were found in the village, and subsequently they deported several young men to unknown places.

5. On 3 September 1967, the Israeli forces spread terror in the village of Qabatiyah, Jenin District, and deported a number of young men to unknown places. Several houses were demolished in Qabatiyah on the pretext that they served as hide-outs for arms.

I would like to point out to Your Excellency that this is not the first time that the Israeli occupation forces demolish houses in this village, on the pretext that arms had been found in them.

The Israeli campaign of terror, murder and torture is an integral part of an Israeli sinister plan to force the inhabitants of the West Bank of Jordan, Christians and Moslems, to abandon their homes and property to make room for new Jewish settlers.

This Israeli disregard for the rule of law and the elementary principles of humanity and decency calls for decisive action and more effective measures on the part of the world Organization.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

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