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Letter dated 9 January 1989 from the Permanent Representative of  
Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, on the morning of 5 January 1989, Israeli forces expelled 28 Lebanese citizens from the villages of Kfar Shouba, Kfar Hamam, Ibl al-Saqi and Deir Mimas, situated inside the so-called "security zone" which Israel continues to occupy within Lebanese territory, to the area of Sidon by way of the Kfar Tibnit check-point. The Israeli authorities confiscated whatever money and valuables they had about their person. Among those expelled were boys and girls aged between 15 and 22 and the mother, Najla Id al-Ashqar, of a Lebanese female citizen, Sahi Bisharah, detained in Israel.

The following is a list of some of those expelled:

1. From the Moqbil family: Ali Khalil, Ghassan, Hassan, Aishah, Hussam and Nawal.
2. From the Shahrour family: Akram, Qasim, Kamiz, Rabah and Najla.
3. From the Nasrallah family: Najilah, Salwa, As'ad, Yasmin, Farah, Mari, Rim, Fadi, Sa'ad and Ni'mah.
4. From the Khabiz family: Mar'iyy, Mariam and Diana.

The Lebanese Government most energetically condemns these continuing arbitrary measures on the part of Israel and views them as a violation and act of defiance against international laws and conventions, an expression of contempt for the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council and an act of hostility against Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

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The Lebanese Government calls upon the Security Council and the Secretary-General to exert pressure on Israel with a view to putting an end to these inhuman measures and practices against Lebanese citizens and to ensuring their return to their villages and kinsfolk. It retains its right to call for a meeting of the Security Council to discuss this grave and urgent matter, as well as the subject of Israel's expulsion of Palestinians to Lebanon.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rachid FAKHOURY  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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