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LETTER DATED 14 NOVEMBER 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO
THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On behalf of the Arab Group, I have the honour of bringing to your immediate attention the decision of the Israeli occupation forces to arrest and expel the elected mayor of the City of Nablus, Bassam Shaka.

This racist and illegal action by the Israeli occupation forces constitutes a flagrant violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention and of basic human and moral rights. It is a violation of Mayor Shaka's human rights and those of the people who elected him. This action by the Israeli occupation forces is calculated to deprive the Palestinian people in the occupied territories of their leadership, and represents one link in a chain of illegal measures to intimidate the community leaders in the occupied Palestinian territories and to eliminate any opposition to the Camp David accords, which the Palestinian people have outrightly rejected.

The Arab Group urges you to take immediate and effective measures to ensure that Mayor Shaka not be deported and that he remains in his post and that furthermore the Israeli authorities rescind their illegal action.

I kindly request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mansur KIKHIA
Permanent Representative of
the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
to the United Nations
Chairman of the Arab Group