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LETTER DATED 3 FEBRUARY 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter addressed to Your Excellency from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization dated 3 February 1984.

I should be grateful if you would kindly arrange for the circulation of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ahmed Tawfik KHALIL  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative of Egypt  
to the United Nations

Annex

Letter dated 3 February 1984 from the Permanent Observer of the  
Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations addressed  
to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization I am asked to bring the following to your urgent attention. On Tuesday, 31 January 1984, Palestinian students from Bir Zeit University in the Israeli occupied Palestinian West Bank held a strike in protest against the malicious attempt by Zionist settlers to blow-up the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. This strike was not accompanied by demonstrations.

The Israeli occupation authorities on Thursday, 2 February, closed down the old campus of Bir Zeit University for three months, as a result of which 1,400 Palestinian students are being deprived of schooling. The faculties of Science, and of Literature and Commerce have been closed. The Office of Administration and Services (maintenance and kitchen) and the Department of Student and Employee Affairs, and the Office of Public Relations have all been closed down.

This latest repressive move comes in the context of the Israeli occupation authorities policy of direct interference in the academic affairs of education institutions. Your Excellency will recall that the Palestine Liberation Organization has, on several occasions, brought to your attention instances where the occupation authorities have impeded classes in all Palestinian education institutions, and hindered the examinations of students.

(Signed) Zuhdi Labib TERZI  
Permanent Observer