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Letter dated 15 April 1987 from the Permanent Representative of  
Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

As Chairman of the Group of Arab States for the month of April 1987, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 14 April 1987 from Mr. Nasser AL-KIDWA, Deputy Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 38 and 76 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council,

(Signed) Mahmoud MESTIRI  
Ambassador, Permanent  
Representative of Tunisia  
Chairman, Group of Arab States

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## ANNEX

Letter dated 14 April 1987 from the Alternate Permanent Observer  
of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I am instructed **by the** Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation to bring the following to your immediate attention. Yesterday, 13 April 1987, Israeli occupation troops opened fire on protesting Palestinian students from **Bir Zeit** University at Ramallah. Twenty-three-year-old **Musa Hanaf 1** was shot dead and **seven** other students suffered bullet wounds, Israeli occupation troops at military check-points in the area delayed the arrival and departure of **ambulances even** though they were aware of the critical nature of **the** injuries sustained by the Palestinian students.

The Israeli occupation authorities have ordered Bir **Zeit** University closed for four months.

**Al-Najah** University is under siege from Israeli occupation troops and armed settler vigilantes, Several hundred Palestinian students are inside the campus.

Three prominent Palestinian intellectuals have been arrested under Israeli administrative detention laws providing for imprisonment without **charge** or trial for up to six months, Those arrested are Faisal Hussein, President of the **Arab Research Society** in Jerusalem, **Mamoun Al-Said**, former Editor-in-Chief of the Palestinian newspaper Al-Fajr, and **Salah Zaheeka**, Member of the **Administrative Committee of the Arab Journalists ' League**.

The Israeli occupation authorities have imposed a curfew on the Palestinian **town** of Qalqilia. Israeli occupation troops and armed settler vigilantes are surrounding the town,

**At** Ramallah, El-Bireh, **Dura'** and Rafah, **Gaza**, where protests by Palestinians continue, armed **settler** vigilantes **have** entered into the **towns**, physically **attacking** Palestinian residents and shooting at their property, causing fear and attempting to provoke **panic** in **the** Palestinian population under occupation.

The **situation in** the Israeli occupied Palestinian territories is highly volatile and deteriorating **rapidly**, it consequently **necessitates an** immediate response from the international community.

(Signed) **Dr . M. Nasser AL-KIDWA**  
Alternate Permanent Observer

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