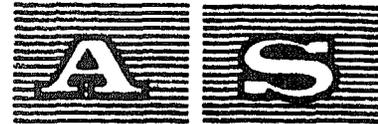


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Letter dated 6 January 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In an article published in The New York Times on 14 December 1981 by Mr. Drew Middleton, it was mentioned that South Africa had purchased 41 Centurion tanks and the Tiger Cat missile system from Jordan. This is totally untrue and without foundation.

As I have communicated previously to Your Excellency, Jordan does not maintain any military or commercial relation with the racist régime in South Africa. The enclosed reply to Mr. Middleton's allegation, published in The New York Times on 21 December 1981, explains Jordan's position categorically.

I kindly request that this letter and my reply published in The New York Times of 21 December 1981 be published as an official document of the General Assembly, under the item entitled "Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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THE NEW YORK TIMES, MONDAY DECEMBER 21, 1981

Unsold Jordanian Arms

To the Editor:

I have been authorized by my Government to deny categorically and conclusively the allegation contained in a Dec. 14 news story and attributed to other reports that South Africa has purchased 41 Centurion tanks and the Tiger Cat missile system from Jordan.

The Government of Jordan wishes to assert that all its Centurion tanks and other weapons are deployed for the defense of Jordan. Furthermore, my Government has banned any dealings with South Africa, not only in armaments but in civilian goods as well. Anyone who contravenes this law is subject to prosecution.

(Ambassador) HAZEM NUSEIBEH
Permanent Representative of Jordan
to the United Nations
New York, Dec. 15, 1981
