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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL  
FREEDOMS, INCLUDING POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION  
AND SEGREGATION AND OF APARTHEID, IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH  
PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT  
COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION  
UNDER COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 8 (XXXIII)

Letter dated 1 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative  
of Palestine to the United Nations Office at Geneva  
addressed to the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights

1. For the eighth consecutive day, the Israeli occupation authorities have imposed a military blockade on the Gaza Strip and a curfew on the camps of Nuseirat, Maghazi and Bureij and on the town and camp of Deir el-Balah, thus bringing the threat of dreadful famine to the Strip, where mass punishment is clearly being inflicted on its citizens, numbering over half a million Palestinians, in gross and flagrant violation of the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention. The embargo is now permeated by brutal acts on the part of the occupation authorities and Israeli settlers, such as destroying private property, setting fire to domestic furnishings, uprooting fruit-bearing trees, shooting to kill and randomly and arbitrarily arresting groups of youths.

2. On 31 May 1992, the Israeli occupation authorities also stormed the village of Aqraba, south-east of Nablus, and randomly arrested the following 71 Palestinians:

1. Magda Hamed Bani Muniya
2. Farhan Hamed Bani Muniya
3. Hani Majid Bani Muniya
4. Jada'an Mahmud Bani Muniya
5. Majid Dhib Bani Muniya
6. Kamal Shahhada Bani Muniya
7. Bilal Shahhada Bani Muniya
8. Yusuf Muhammad Bani Muniya
9. Zahi Wadi' Bani Jabir
10. Fouad Wadi' Bani Muniya
11. Mufid Wadi' Bani Muniya
12. Ahmad Zayid Bani Muniya
13. Mahmud Ahmad Bani Jabir
14. Zakariya Ahmad Bani Jabir
15. Muhammad Abdullah Bani Jabir
16. Fathi Mustafa Bani Jabir
17. Amjad Farid Daiiriya
18. Muhammad Rifa'at Daiiriya
19. Nawwaf Nayif Bani Hamid
20. Khalil Rabi' Bani Jabir
21. Nayiq Salim Bani Jabir
22. Adnan Rajih Bani Jabir
23. Adil Hamed Bani Jabir
24. Sabri Ahmad Bani Jabir
25. Basim Ahmad Bani Jabir
26. Samir Hussein Bani Jabir
27. Ribhi Nayif Bani Jabir
28. Khair Muhammad Bani Jabir
29. Majid Muhammad Bani Fadhl
30. Bilal Hamd Bani Fadhl
31. Muhammad Nassar Bani Fadhl
32. Haitham Fawzi Bani Fadhl
33. Bilal Muhammad Bani Jami'
34. Ghassan Muhammad Bani Jami'
35. Ahmad Khalid Daiiriya
36. Mahmud Abdullah Bani Jabir
37. Rizqallah Abdullah Bani Jabir
38. Hussein Shukri Daiiriya
39. Raghib Sa'ada Daiiriya
40. Adib Arif Daiiriya
41. Samer Izzat Daiiriya
42. Salem Izzat Daiiriya
43. Abdullah Izzat Daiiriya
44. Khairallah Mahmud Daiiriya
45. Aymman Musa Daiiriya
46. Muhammad Musa Daiiriya
47. Hussam Nayif Daiiriya

48. Samed Abdul Karim Hilal
49. Ra'id Na'im al-Badri
50. Samer Khairallah Abu Salah
51. Izzat Ibrahim Daiiriya
52. Ismail Mahmud Abu Kibr
53. Dhiban Rifa'at Daiiriya
54. Muhammad Abdul Fattah Hulw
55. Dhaifallah Hassan Ibrahim
56. Murad Tawfiq al-Shayyib
57. Sami Ahmad Abu Hammad
58. Ayman Rizq Daiiriya
59. Aysar Rizq Daiiriya
60. Raja' Rizq Daiiriya
61. Mahir Faris Abu Saqr
62. Fathi Faris Abu Saqr
63. Tahir Faris Abu Saqr
64. Fadi Faris Abu Saqr
65. Nafedh al-Hajj Abu Saqr
66. Osama Khidr Daiiriya
67. Bishar Muhammad Daiiriya
68. Muhammad Abu Hadib Daiiriya
69. Ibrahim Mahmud Abu Kibr
70. Ahmad Farid Daiiriya
71. Omar Muhammad Daiiriya

3. Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories are currently witnessing a vigorous campaign among Israelis and Jewish settlers amid cries to kill Palestinians wherever they might be found and calls to banish them from their territory and homeland.

4. The present bloody and vehement campaign in Israel against Palestinians is being conducted under supervision from the occupation authorities and with their encouragement and protection, thereby warning of human massacres to be added to the mass slaughters perpetrated by Israel in the past and condemned at the time by the international community.

5. As a result of Israeli practices, the situation in the occupied Palestinian territories has now deteriorated to such a point, where all values and principles are renounced and where the occupation authorities have surrendered to the frenzy of power, arrogance and loathsome domination; the international community should therefore assume a major responsibility in providing international protection for the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation, particularly since it has hitherto proved unable to compel Israel, as an occupation authority in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories, to respect its international undertakings and its obligations as a member of the United Nations and a party to the Fourth Geneva Convention.

6. This memorandum is addressed to you in the hope that you, in addition to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, will intercede as quickly as possible with the Government of Israel to halt the practices carried out against the Palestinian people by the Israeli occupation authorities, Israeli settlers and the veiled armed groups belonging to the Israeli army, as well as

urge it to respect the principles of international law and the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention which, in view of their universality, apply to the Palestinian occupied territories, and to abide by the resolutions of the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights, and the relevant statements of the International Committee of the Red Cross. We also request that this memorandum should be circulated as an official document of the next session of the Commission on Human Rights and the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

(Signed)      Nabil Ramlawi  
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Permanent Representative of Palestine at  
the United Nations at Geneva and the other  
international organizations in Switzerland

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