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I have the honour to inform you that Israel has expelled today at 13.00 local time through the cease-fire line at Kantara 405 Palestinians. Israel stated that this figure is to be completed to 1,000 Palestinians by the end of the day and that they will expel several thousands more on the basis of 1,000 per day.

Such action constitutes a flagrant violation of the successive resolutions adopted by the General Assembly year after year concerning the right of the refugees to return to their homes, the last of which is resolution 2154 (XXI).

Furthermore, this latest action by Israel came within a week in complete disregard and disrespect to Security Council resolution 237 (1967) adopted on 14 June 1967.

While the General Assembly is convened in an urgent session to deal with the Israeli armed aggression against the Arab countries, no interpretation could be given to the latest Israeli action of forceful expulsion of Palestine refugees, other than sheer contempt and disregard to the prestige and authority of the General Assembly and the Security Council.

In view of the above, the United Nations must, in the opinion of my Government, undertake the necessary measures to:

- (a) Condemn the said action of Israel as a gross violation of the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council;
- (b) Direct Israel to stop all such actions;
- (c) Direct it to take back all refugees affected by such action and assure them safe dwelling and living in their original homes;

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(d) Direct Israel to pay compensation to all those who had been affected by that action for the damages they sustained.

I would be grateful if you communicate the above to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council and circulate it as an official document to all Members of the United Nations.

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