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LETTER DATED 26 JUNE 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
JORDAN ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention further and intensified Israeli violations of Security Council resolution 252 (1968) of 21 May 1968, concerning Jerusalem.

In this resolution, the Council considered that all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken by Israel, including expropriation of land and properties thereon, which tend to change the legal status of Jerusalem are invalid and cannot change that status" and urgently called upon Israel "to rescind all such measures already taken and to desist forthwith from taking any further action which tends to change the status of Jerusalem".

In utter disregard to the will of the inhabitants of Jerusalem and instead of complying with the above directives, the Israeli Government proceeded to enact a new legislation, i.e., Administrative Regulation Law 1968 (S/9149) which was to be put into force on 23 February and later extended to 23 May 1969. On 27 April 1969, further provisions and new regulations were enacted. Your Excellency, will recall that on 8 February 1969, my Government requested an urgent meeting of the Security Council on this matter. This was deferred. But Israel continued to violate basic human rights in the Holy City and to take measures contrary to the provisions of resolution 252 (1968) and the United Nations Charter.

Jordan has already referred to the arbitrary arrests, detention, torture and demolition of houses and deportation (S/9001) and (S/9102) and (S/9197) committed by the Israeli authorities. On 9 June 1969, nine Jordanian citizens, four of them from Jerusalem, were expelled to the East Bank of Jordan. Only yesterday, 25 June, the Israeli authorities evicted more than eighty-eight persons, some of them forcibly, from the old city of Jerusalem. One of the buildings in the area evacuated belonging to Waqf, a Muslim religious and charitable institution, contained a mosque, a religious court and a school.

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While Arab quarters, houses and public buildings have been demolished or emptied and inhabitants deported or evicted, the Israeli Government has been carrying its plans for the establishment of Israeli settlements in the city and repeopling of its inhabitants.

These above Israeli illegal actions and planned measures and many others make a Security Council meeting imperative. Therefore, upon instructions from my Government, I request an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider the continued Israeli defiance of its resolution 252 (1968) on Jerusalem.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Muhammed H. EL-FARRA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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