

**General Assembly
Security Council**

Distr.: General
20 September 2002

Original: English

**General Assembly
Tenth emergency special session**

Agenda item 5

**Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and
the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory**

**Security Council
Fifty-seventh year**

**Identical letters dated 20 September 2002 from the Permanent
Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

In defiance of international law, international humanitarian law and Security Council resolutions, Israel, the occupying Power, continues to commit human rights violations, war crimes and State terrorism against the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem.

Yesterday, the Israeli occupying forces reoccupied the headquarters compound of President Yasser Arafat in the city of Ramallah. Israeli tanks and armoured carriers invaded the compound and bulldozers destroyed several structures that had just been recently repaired following the extensive damage caused by the occupying forces during previous invasions. Moreover, once inside the compound, the occupying forces began firing, killing one person and wounding several others. At a later stage in the assault, the Israeli occupying forces blew up three buildings in the compound and bulldozers began digging trenches around the remaining office building.

We urgently request the international community, and specifically the Security Council, to take immediate measures to bring an end to the extremely dangerous situation in and around the headquarters compound of President Arafat. In addition, serious action must be undertaken to bring a halt to all of the criminal and illegal actions being carried out by the occupying Power against the Palestinian people and to prevent a future reoccurrence and the further deterioration of this grave situation.

While the Israeli occupying forces have committed such criminal acts and extreme provocations before, this time Israeli officials have indicated the intent to impose a continuous siege on the headquarters for a lengthy time. These officials have even once more fabricated a story about "wanted" men inside the compound, whom they seek to apprehend. Not only have such criminal and illegal practices against the Palestinian people and their leadership not ceased, they have continued unabated and the situation as a result has continued to perilously decline. Moreover, the incessant and countless unfounded allegations made by Israeli officials against

the Palestinian people and leadership have seriously distorted the reality of the situation on the ground and have been perpetually used by the occupying Power as a pretext for continuing its war crimes and State terrorism unchecked. This has allowed Israel, the occupying Power, to continue to carry out a cycle of oppression and violence against the Palestinian people under its occupation with impunity.

As such, despite a period of relative calm, the Israeli occupying forces have continued to rampage through the Occupied Palestinian Territory, raiding and destroying homes and killing Palestinian civilians, men, women and children, almost daily. Yesterday, in the most recent of yet another tragic incident, a 12 year-old Palestinian boy was killed by the Israeli occupying forces in Ramallah when he left his home during the curfew being imposed on the entire city.

At the same time, the Palestinian people continue to be the targets of colonial settler violence and terrorism. Just this week, in a town near the city of Al-Khalil, a bomb was set off in a Palestinian school, injuring several children, and another bomb was detonated at the school. Such crimes continue to be committed by the illegal Israeli settlers as they too are permitted to carry out crimes and violence against the Palestinian people with impunity.

As we approach the two-year mark since Ariel Sharon undertook his infamous visit to Al-Haram Al-Sharif and the current Palestinian intifada began, it is clear that the Israeli military siege on Palestinian cities, towns and refugee camps, including the constant — and often round-the-clock — curfews, have suffocated and completely debilitated the economic, social, cultural and educational life of the Palestinian people. Indeed, Palestinian school children and college students face the start of another school year marred by the constant curfews and closures. In fact, in some cities where the curfews have been imposed for prolonged periods, such as in Nablus for almost two weeks now, the Palestinian residents are not even permitted to leave their homes to buy food. Such Israeli practices and measures can only exacerbate the grave humanitarian crisis facing the Palestinian people.

In follow-up to my previous 135 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, dated from 29 September 2000 to 3 September 2002 (A/55/432-S/2000/921; A/55/437-S/2000/930; A/55/450-S/2000/957; A/55/466-S/2000/971; A/55/474-S/2000/984; A/55/490-S/2000/993; A/ES-10/39-S/2000/1015; A/ES-10/40-S/2000/1025; A/ES-10/42-S/2000/1068; A/ES-10/43-S/2000/1078; A/ES-10/44-S/2000/1093; A/ES-10/45-S/2000/1104; A/ES-10/46-S/2000/1107; A/ES-10/47-S/2000/1116; A/ES-10/48-S/2000/1129; A/ES-10/49-S/2000/1154; A/ES-10/50-S/2000/1173; A/ES-10/51-S/2000/1185; A/ES-10/52-S/2000/1206; A/ES-10/53-S/2000/1247; A/ES-10/54-S/2001/7; A/ES-10/55-S/2001/33; A/ES-10/56-S/2001/50; A/ES-10/57-S/2001/101; A/ES-10/58-S/2001/131; A/ES-10/59-S/2001/156; A/ES-10/60-S/2001/175; A/ES-10/61-S/2001/189; A/ES-10/64-S/2001/209; A/ES-10/65-S/2001/226; A/ES-10/66-S/2001/239; A/ES-10/67-S/2001/255; A/ES-10/68-S/2001/284; A/ES-10/69-S/2001/295; A/ES-10/70-S/2001/304; A/ES-10/71-S/2001/314; A/ES-10/72-S/2001/332; A/ES-10/75-S/2001/352; A/ES-10/76-S/2001/372; A/ES-10/79-S/2001/418; A/ES-10/80-S/2001/432; A/ES-10/81-S/2001/447; A/ES-10/82-S/2001/463; A/ES-10/83-S/2001/471; A/ES-10/84-S/2001/479; A/ES-10/85-S/2001/486; A/ES-10/86-S/2001/496; A/ES-10/87-S/2001/504; A/ES-10/88-S/2001/508; A/ES-10/89-S/2001/544; A/ES-10/90-S/2001/586; A/ES-10/91-S/2001/605; A/ES-10/92-S/2001/629; A/ES-10/93-S/2001/657; A/ES-10/94-

S/2001/669; A/ES-10/95-S/2001/686; A/ES-10/96-S/2001/697; A/ES-10/97-S/2001/708; A/ES-10/98-S/2001/717; A/ES-10/99-S/2001/742; A/ES-10/100-S/2001/754; A/ES-10/101-S/2001/783; A/ES-10/102-S/2001/785; A/ES-10/103-S/2001/798; A/ES-10/104-S/2001/812; A/ES-10/105-S/2001/814; A/ES-10/107-S/2001/821; A/ES-10/108-S/2001/826; A/ES-10/111-S/2001/880; A/ES-10/112-S/2001/918; A/ES-10/114-S/2001/928; A/ES-10/115-S/2001/932; A/ES-10/116-S/2001/941; A/ES-10/117-S/2001/971; A/ES-10/118-S/2001/989; A/ES-10/119-S/2001/991; A/ES-10/121-S/2001/1007; A/ES-10/122-S/2001/1024; A/ES-10/123-S/2001/1036; A/ES-10/124-S/2001/1084; A/ES-10/125-S/2001/1092; A/ES-10/126-S/2001/1118; A/ES-10/128-S/2001/1149; A/ES-10/129-S/2001/1166; A/ES-10/133-S/2001/1239; A/ES-10/134-S/2001/1261; A/ES-10/136-S/2002/18; A/ES-10/137-S/2002/39; A/ES-10/138-S/2002/48; A/ES-10/139-S/2002/58; A/ES-10/140-S/2002/89; A/ES-10/141-S/2002/95; A/ES-10/142-S/2002/102; A/ES-10/143-S/2002/121; A/ES-10/144-S/2002/142; A/ES-10/145-S/2002/146; A/ES-10/146-S/2002/165; A/ES-10/147-S/2002/175; A/ES-10/148-S/2002/182; A/ES-10/149-S/2002/186; A/ES-10/150-S/2002/214; A/ES-10/151-S/2002/223; A/ES-10/152-S/2002/232; A/ES-10/154-S/2002/242; A/ES-10/155-S/2002/248; A/ES-10/156-S/2002/245; A/ES-10/157-S/2002/253; A/ES-10/158-S/2002/258; A/ES-10/159-S/2002/281; A/ES-10/160-S/2002/307; A/ES-10/161-S/2002/319; A/ES-10/162-S/2002/330; A/ES-10/163-S/2002/340; A/ES-10/164-S/2002/353; A/ES-10/165-S/2002/361; A/ES-10/166-S/2002/370; A/ES-10/167-S/2002/433; A/ES-10/168-S/2002/474; A/ES-10/169-S/2002/495; A/ES-10/173-S/2002/536; A/ES-10/174-S/2002/555; A/ES-10/175-S/2002/610; A/ES-10/176-S/2002/617; A/ES-10/177-S/2002/641; A/ES-10/178-S/2002/650; A/ES-10/179-S/2002/654; A/ES-10/180-S/2002/686; A/ES-10/181-S/2002/697; A/ES-10/182-S/2002/699; A/ES-10/183-S/2002/717; A/ES-10/184-S/2002/738; A/ES-10/185-S/2002/827; A/ES-10/190-S/2002/891, A/ES-10/192-S/2002/976 and A/ES-10/193-S/2002/983), it is my regret to inform you that since my last letter to you, at least 18 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of Palestinian martyrs killed since 28 September 2000 to 1,805 people. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified thus far are contained in the annex to the present letter.)

I would be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nasser **Al-Kidwa**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

**Annex to the identical letters dated 20 September 2002 from the
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

**Names of martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces in the
Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem*
(Tuesday, 3 September, through Thursday, 19 September 2002)**

Tuesday, 3 September 2002

1. Hussein Abdeljabar Hussein Al-Najjar
2. Baher Abdel Raouf Ziab
3. Suliman Tala'af Al-Dughmeh

Thursday, 5 September 2002

Mahmoud Siyam

Monday, 9 September 2002

1. Jamal Abu Shaloof (18 years old)
2. Attiyeh Al-Kashef

Tuesday, 10 September 2002

Mahmoud Ahmed Harfoush

Thursday, 12 September 2002

Riad Nayef Hussein Alyan

Friday, 13 September 2002

1. Mahmoud Abdelhamid Al-Sherif (17 years)
2. Hani Abdelhamid Al-Sherif
3. Baha'a Abdelhamid Al-Sherif
4. Subhi Rajab Zeeno

Monday, 16 September 2002

Khalil Ibrahim Al-Hizqi

Tuesday, 17 September 2002

Mohammed Abdel Raziq

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 1,805.

Wednesday, 18 September 2002

Tarek Mustafa Saeed Bisharat

Thursday, 19 September 2002

1. Ahmed Libed
2. Samira Al-Dehdar
3. Abdelsalam Fawzi Famreen (12 years old)

Friday, 20 September 2002

Mohammed Ismail Hamouda
