

TO:

THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL, MR. KHAFIER PERETZ DE CUELLAR,  
PRESIDENTS OF COUNTRIES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
via the REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF PALESTINE in the UNITED  
NATIONS,

Dear Sirs,

We, the Palestinian people under the Israeli occupation since 1967 have been ever since subjected to all forms of Israeli oppression; humanitarian, economic and political with the purpose of preventing us from practicing our legitimate humanitarian and national rights. In its occupation of our land, the Israeli government has exhausted all inhumane practices which violate the United Nations and the Geneva conventions, particularly the fourth with disrespect to the Palestinian people's rights to live in peace, liberty and security on its land under military occupation.

These oppressive measures have acutely increased since the beginning of the intifada in November 1987 to include all aspects of life and have reached a peak in the increasing numbers of Palestinians killed, injured and arrested. Hundreds of houses were demolished, national and educational institutions and schools were closed in addition to other limitless practices. These practices have reached a climax in the mass killings the occupation authorities are perpetrating against our people, the most recent of which has taken place in the village of Nahalin near the city of Bethlehem in addition to the sanctifying of holy places and the prevention of people from performing prayers in these places.

In the name of the tortured humanity in Palestine and in the name of all the our victims, we call upon you to dispatch international forces to protect our citizens, properties and the souls of our children, women and elderly until a comprehensive political solution to our problem is attained.

We seize this opportunity to assert our firm rejection to Shamir's plan concerning elections and affirm the sole representation of the PLO of our people in all locations.

We trust your sincerity and good intention toward putting an end to the bloodshed and the series of suffering of our people. We expect you to take a decisive and immediate resolution in this concern.

sincerely yours,

Palestinian Personalities and National Institutions  
Jerusalem, Occupied Palestine.

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