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### **Identical letters dated 7 July 2023 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

In recent months, Israel has been experiencing a wave of terror attacks perpetrated by Palestinian terrorists affiliated with Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, with the guiding and financing of Iran, alongside the encouragement of the Palestinian Authority. One of the major hubs of these terror activities and infrastructure is the city of Jenin. The recent attacks stemming from Jenin include shootings, stabbings, car rammings, the infiltration of towns and villages, and the planting of explosives. Over the past year, 52 Israelis have been murdered by Palestinian terrorists, with many of those incidents carried out from or within the Jenin area. Last week, on 26 June 2023, two rockets were fired from Jenin towards Israel, and Israel has also recently faced the threat of mortar attacks from the area.

The Palestinian terrorists operating in Jenin constantly exploit civilian infrastructure, including nearby United Nations schools and facilities, hospitals and places of worship, such as the Al-Nasr mosque, for their terror operations, putting the surrounding civilian populace directly in harm's way. Throughout the precise counter-terrorism efforts in Jenin, the Israel Defense Forces located numerous explosives manufacturing facilities, containing hundreds of improvised explosive devices, along with guidebooks on how to produce explosive devices. In addition, the Israel Defense Forces discovered a pit used for concealing weapons, a tactical observation and war room, as well as hundreds of different weapons and ammunition. Over the last few days, the Israel Defense Forces have destroyed the weapons storage pits and shafts leading to terror tunnels used for transferring terrorists and weapons. One such subterranean terror tunnel, approximately 300 metres long, was discovered running underneath Al-Ansar mosque, with two entry shafts discovered inside the mosque itself.

While the Israel Defense Forces operated in the Jenin camp with precision by carefully targeting terrorist infrastructure, Palestinian terrorists are targeting Israeli civilians, as was witnessed on Tuesday, 4 July, in the terror attack in Tel Aviv, in which eight civilians were wounded, with five in critical condition, including a pregnant woman.

The international community and the Security Council must unconditionally condemn the latest Palestinian terror attacks and hold Palestinian leadership accountable. Years of Palestinian Authority incitement and the inaction of the international community have fuelled the Palestinians' culture of hate, leading to this volatile point.



Not only does the Palestinian Authority take no action against terror, but it also allows the emergence of Iranian terror strongholds in areas such as Jenin and Nablus. Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, internationally designated terror groups, take advantage of the Palestinian Authority's absence in order to entrench themselves within crowded civilian populaces, using innocent Palestinians as human shields. As they put their own people in danger, the Palestinian terror groups – with Iranian assistance – continue to develop advanced weaponry, including underground missile launchers, improvised explosive devices, surface-to-surface missiles and explosive attack drones.

Israel will not stand idle while terrorists continue to harm civilians, using Jenin camp as their hideout. Israel will continue to act resolutely against terror and imminent security threats, and will take any means necessary in order to defend its citizens.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.



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