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Said Al-Shawa case

Military courts in the Gaza Strip have sentenced Said Al-Shawa, a resident of the Strip, to death on charges of conspiring to annex Gaza to Jordan. This arbitrary action is contrary to the principles of the United Nations, Human Rights and Egyptian obligations regarding the administration of the Strip.

The alleged plot has no foundation. A person cannot be sentenced to death for expressing his opinions.

The Secretary-General is urgently requested to intervene with the authorities of the United Arab Republic in order to change the sentence and save the life of this innocent man.

Since United Nations<sup>3</sup> forces were responsible for liberating the Gaza Strip from Israeli occupation, the United Nations has an obligation to protect the rights of the people there.

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LT H E SECRETARY GENERALL OF THE UNITED NATIONS NEWYORK  
PALESTINIAN REFUGEES IN JORDAN STRONGLY DENOUNCE THE  
DEATH SENTENCE PASSED AGAINST MR SAADI ELSHAWWA BY A MOOT  
MILITARY COURT ~~COURT~~ COMPOSED OF OFFICERS REPRESENTING  
THE EGYPTIAN ADMINSTRATION IN GAZA STRIP MR SHAWA SOLE  
CRIME WAS HAT HE STOOD FIRMLY IN DEFENCE  
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OF THE RIGHTS OF REFUGEES WE APPEAL TO THE CONSCIENCE OF  
FREE MEN ALL OVER THE WORLD TO INTERVENE AND STOP THE  
EXECUTION OF THIS OPPRESSIVE SENTENCE WE ALSO DEMAND THE  
FORMATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE  
CONDITIONS OF OUR BROTHER IN GAZA WHO SUFFER UNSPEAKABLE  
SORTS OF

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OPPERSSION INJUSTICE AND MALTREATMENT AT THE HANDS OF THE  
EGYPTIAN ADMINSTRATORS IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE AND HUMANITY  
WE BESEECH YOU TO INTEFERE AND PUT AN END TO THE TRAGEDY  
OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEES IN GAZA AND HELP RAISE THEY YOKE  
OF TYRANNY IMPOSED UPON THEM  
CHIEFS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF REFUGEES IN JORDAN

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SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Please see telegram below. Details of the case are on pages 2 and 3 of Monitoring Report of 15 April and pages 2 and 3 of the Report of 28 April.

2. It is, however, by no means certain, even if the court has pronounced the death sentence, that he will be executed, but it would be very bad if he were and would raise inter-Arab tension considerably. It would also be a most unfortunate precedent, which might well lead to retaliations in kind.

3. I wonder if you would consider writing a cautious word of warning to Fawzi.

4. I now have the report in the paper of the sentence - still subject to confirmation (attached immediately below). This was written before I saw your telegram.

*Rumyantsev*

21/5/58.

Miss Alm.

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now with S.G.

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THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE U N NEWYORK  
THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN JORDAN IN  
THEIR CONFERENCE HELD IN AMMAN ON 22ND MAY APPEAL TO  
HUMAN CONSCIENCE TO PUT AN END TO THE PERSECUTION OF THE  
PEOPLE OF GAZA STRIP BY THE AUTHORITIES AND KINDLY REQUEST  
YOU TO

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EMPLOY YOUR AUTHORITY AND INTERVENE STO STOP  
THE EXECUTION OF THE NOBLE CITIZEN AND PATRIOT SADY SAID  
ELSHAWA

DR DJAMIL FAIK TUTUNJI PRESIDENT OF THE JORDANIAN  
VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ASSOCIATION

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