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**An Action Alert by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee,  
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Printed on 27 November 1982, this document shows an action alert by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in response to the Israeli occupying forces' refusal to grant Hanaa Bassam ash-Shak'a a travel permit to continue her studies at the University of North Carolina.



## AMERICAN-ARAB ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE

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### ACTION ALERT

To: NAC Members, Key Contacts, Action Network and PHRC

Miss Hanna Shakaa, daughter of Nablus Mayor Bassam Shakaa, has been denied an exit visa by Israeli authorities to resume her studies at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Miss Shakaa, who entered the university in the spring of 1982, was pre-registered for this fall and holds the necessary F-1 Student Visa from the American Consulate. In a letter to Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Bruce R. Poulton, the Chancellor of the university, wrote:

"We at North Carolina State do not know the reason that Miss Shakaa has been denied an exit permit. But we believe she is entitled to one based upon her sincere and legitimate intention to resume studies in the United States...We would appreciate-I personally would appreciate-whatever action you might take to facilitate Miss Shakaa's departure..."

Israel's refusal to grant Miss Shakaa an exit visa is in clear violation of her civil rights. As her uncle, Dr. Jamil A. Fayez wrote, "This Israeli behavior clearly demonstrates that the authorities in DEMOCRATIC Israel are trying to deprive the Palestinians from education...Miss Shakaa's case is not the only one as there are many cases being reported."

The Shakaa family has long been the target of Israeli authorities and terrorists alike. In June, 1980, Mayor Bassam Shakaa was maimed when a bomb, planted by a Jewish terrorist group, exploded in his car. Mayor Shakaa is among the Palestinian leaders who openly protest the continuing Israeli occupation and repression in the West Bank and Gaza.

We urge you to send mailgrams or letters to the Israeli Ambassador in Washington protesting this outrage, and to the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights asking that he intervene on behalf of Miss Shakaa and all other Palestinians in similar circumstances. This violation of basic human rights must be challenged.

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