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The following information is made available to the press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

The International Court of Justice deeply regrets to announce the death on 4 October 1980, following a traffic accident in The Hague, of Judge Salah El Dine Tarazi. He had been a Member of the Court since February 1976, and his term of office would have continued until 1985.

Salah El Dine Tarazi was born in 1917 in Damascus, where he was educated and in due course began his career as a practising lawyer. After his doctorate (1945) he lectured on public law at Damascus University and entered the Syrian Ministry of Finance, of whose legal department he became the director (1947). There followed several years of service (1949-1957) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - where he eventually rose to be Secretary-General - with a short period as chargé d'affaires in Belgium (1951-1952). From 1957 to 1974 Dr. Tarazi occupied ambassadorial posts in the USSR, Czechoslovakia, China and Turkey.

Meanwhile Dr. Tarazi had represented his country regularly at the General Assembly of the United Nations (1949-1971) and served as member, chairman or rapporteur of several special committees, including that on the question of defining aggression. He likewise represented his country at the Vienna Conference on the Law of Treaties (1968). In 1975 he chaired the committee for the preparation of amendments to the Arab League pact.

Judge Tarazi gave a course of lectures at the Hague Academy of International Law in 1978, and his publications included numerous works and articles in Arabic, French or English on constitutional and administrative law.

The body will lie in state in the main building of the Peace Palace today, Monday 6 October, from 4 to 6 p.m.

A register of condolences will be open for signature from 4 p.m. today, Monday 6 October, to 6 p.m. on Wednesday 8 October 1980.
