



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

22 July 2016

Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 26 June 2016, regarding the situation on the Syrian-Jordanian border at the Berm.

I reiterate my condemnation of the terrorist attack on 21 June 2016, and wish to express, once again, my sincere condolences to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and to the families of the victims. I have been following this matter closely and continue to urge Member States to strengthen their efforts to combat the scourge of terrorism and violent extremism, and to support Jordan in this regard.

I am thankful to His Majesty King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein and his Government for having maintained the proud tradition of Jordan of providing protection to the most vulnerable, ensuring that life-saving humanitarian assistance reaches those fleeing conflict and violence. The intensive efforts of Jordan to provide humanitarian agencies access to the Berm, while ensuring basic minimum standards of safety and security for the humanitarian staff delivering assistance, is noted with appreciation.

In particular, I would like to thank the Government of Jordan for supporting the preparations for food distribution and restoring the delivery of water to the populations in Rukban and Hadalat. I would also encourage the Government of Jordan to facilitate access for United Nations agencies to identify and prioritize the most vulnerable at the border for assistance, in particular children, women, the elderly and those in need of medical care and other forms of support.

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His Excellency  
Mr. Nasser Judeh  
Deputy Prime Minister and Minister  
for Foreign and Expatriate Affairs  
of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan  
Amman

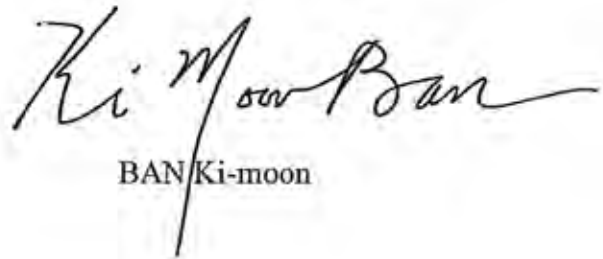
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The United Nations and partners are currently assessing options to expand the delivery of humanitarian assistance, including through various access points inside Syria, as well as the voluntary relocation of those currently stranded at the Berm to areas where protection and security requirements would be met. The Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator in Jordan, working in close collaboration with the Regional Humanitarian Coordinator and the Regional Refugee Coordinator, will continue to actively seek suitable options in order to address all aspects of the current situation at the Berm.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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22 July 2016

Dear Mr. Al-Moumani,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Nasser Judeh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign and Expatriate Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Edmond Mulet'.

Edmond Mulet  
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. Amjad Mohammad Saleh Al-Moumani  
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Hashemite Kingdom  
of Jordan to the United Nations  
New York



To: CDC (through ODSG),

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature, a letter addressed to the DPM of Jordan, in reply to his letter of 26 June, regarding the situation on the Syrian-Jordanian border at the Berm.

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Political Unit  
21 July 2016

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26 June 2016

Dear Secretary Board, dear friend,

Naturally, this is a major and serious threat to Jordan's national security, and it is a danger that we have been warning against for a long time now. Sadly, not enough consideration was given to Jordan's already proven credentials in hosting over 1.3 million Syrians on its soil with very little help from the international community, on whose behalf we are shouldering this heavy burden. Faced with extreme pressure from different states, international organizations and "friends", Jordan repeatedly said that it cannot admit individuals from this daesh-infested area without conducting the required thorough screening and vetting process, concerns which fell on deaf ears in many cases. I pray that we never have another ugly attack such as this one to prove that these makeshift camps are indeed what we have said they were.

Jordan obviously cannot ignore the challenges to its national security that result from the presence of this quasi daesh state on its borders. As an initial measure, we have closed off the sector in question on the Jordanian-Syrian border. No movement of people and vehicles will be allowed in any direction within that area. A discussion between relevant UN agencies should take place in order to find alternative mechanisms and locations for the delivery of assistance to those in need, far away from the border area.

THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

Deputy Prime Minister

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates



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In addition, asylum seekers in other areas along the Syrian-Jordanian border will be considered on an individual basis by the relevant Jordanian authorities. Furthermore, Jordan does not intend to establish any new refugee camps or expand any existing ones within the country.

I trust that you will appreciate that such measures are consistent with Jordan's rights and obligations under international law, and directly relate to its national security and its legal obligation to protect its citizens and borders from any terrorist or security threats. Jordan reaffirms that it will continue to fulfill its international law and International Humanitarian Law obligations relating to the situation in Syria, and will work, as appropriate, with relevant UN and other agencies to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance to those in need inside and outside Syria, according to UNSC Resolutions many of which were either authored or sponsored by Jordan during its non-permanent membership on the Security Council.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and warmest wishes.

Yours Ever  
Nasser

Nasser S. Judeh

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
The Secretary-General of the United Nations  
The United Nations - New York



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27 June 2016

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith, a letter from His Excellency Mr. Nasser Judeh, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan addressed to Your Excellency concerning the heinous terrorist attack that took place against a Jordan Armed Forces' Border Guard post near the border with Syria and Iraq.

With my highest respects and best regards.

Sincerely,

Amjad Al-Moumni  
Deputy Permanent Representative  
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
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**Fw: SG draft letter to His Excellency Mr. Nasser Judeh, Deputy Prime Minister, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

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Dear Colleagues,

I would be grateful if you can forward the attached draft letters to CdC office. (Please note that the language was agreed by UNHCR as well as senior officers in Jordan and regional office).



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Warm regards,  
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