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SECRETARY-GENERAL AGAIN APPEALS FOR 'UTMOST RESTRAINT' IN LEBANON
AND FULL CO-OPERATION WITH UNIFIL

Following is the text of a statement issued today on behalf of Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim by a United Nations spokesman:

According to reports received from United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), seven artillery rounds were fired from Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) positions at Chateau Beaufort into the enclave yesterday afternoon. This was followed by heavy exchanges involving artillery, mortar and rocket fire between Palestinian armed elements in the Tyre pocket and areas north of the Litani River and the de facto forces and the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) in the enclave and northern Israel. During the exchanges of fire, the village of Kiryat Shemona in northern Israel was hit by six rockets, reportedly resulting in five wounded. This morning, IDF launched an aerial attack against Palestinian targets in the Tyre and Nabatiyeh areas; no reports on casualties have yet been received.

Yesterday afternoon, following the outbreak of the firing, intensive efforts were made both by the Secretary-General at United Nations Headquarters and by the Commander of UNIFIL in the field to restore the cease-fire and prevent a further escalation of violence.

The Secretary-General is deeply concerned by this new flare-up of violence in the area. He appeals once again to all concerned to exercise the utmost restraint and to co-operate fully with UNIFIL in its efforts to restore the cease-fire and maintain peace and quiet.

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Letter dated 23 July 1979 from the Permanent Representative
of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

Pursuant to my letter of 11 July 1979 (S/13452), I am under instructions from my Government to bring to your attention and the attention of the Security Council the continued acts of aggression committed by Israel against Lebanon inside and outside the area of operation of UNIFIL, and to protest in the strongest possible terms against such continued violation of the Charter of the United Nations, of the Armistice Agreement and of the resolutions of the Security Council.

The most recent and most serious such aggression took place yesterday, Sunday, 22 July, in the following manner:

1. At 1810 hours, an Israeli aircraft formation raided the towns of Al-Damour and Na'ameh, on the road between Beirut and Sidon, six consecutive times. The raids lasted for about 35 minutes.
2. Israeli aircraft formations also raided the villages of Aqbiyah, Sarfand and Khayzaran, between Sidon and Tyre. Those raids continued until 1900 hours.
3. The raids took place in densely populated civilian areas on the main highway south of the capital, at a time of maximum civilian movement on Sunday. There was extensive material damage.

Casualties, all civilian, have not yet been fully determined. According to preliminary reports of yesterday evening, there were 8 killed, including 3 women and 1 child, and 19 wounded, all Lebanese civilians. At the time of writing, the final toll is still unknown, but unofficial reports speak of between 15 and 20 civilians killed.

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This ferocious and brutal attack by Israeli aircraft was totally unwarranted and no pretext was given for it. It comes at a time when intensive efforts are being deployed by all concerned to implement the resolutions of the Security Council, particularly resolution 450 (1979), whose objective is the cessation of all hostilities and the establishment of an area of peace in South Lebanon. It is needless to say that Israel's action, in defiance of the Security Council, further undermines such efforts and creates a context of insecurity within which it is becoming increasingly difficult for UNIFIL to operate efficiently.

I am, Your Excellency, under instructions from my Government to bring the matter to the attention of the Security Council, condemning these acts and protesting in the strongest possible terms. Every possible action must be taken immediately to put an end to a situation which is endangering peace and security.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 25 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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LETTER DATED 28 JUNE 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization in which he comments on the genocidal campaign by Israel against the Palestinians.

I would request you to circulate the letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdulla Y. BISHARA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Enclosure

Letter dated 27 June 1979 from the Permanent Observer of the
Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization I am requested to bring the following to your immediate attention.

Following within the framework of the tripartite, Begin-Sadat-Carter conspiracy against the Palestinian and Lebanese people, and in keeping with terrorist Begin's recent threats to strike without respite against the Palestinians and Lebanese, enunciated again yesterday, as reported in the Jewish Telegraph Agency No. 123 of 27 June 1979,

"The initiative in south Lebanon is in our hands now. We have the strength to hit the terrorists until they stop the bloodshed. And now they are fleeing. We do not retaliate any more. We hit them once or even twice a day according to our decision and any time. We look for them in their hiding places. We try to locate their command posts, those responsible for murder. You have a good chance to get rid of the terrorists but give us time to fulfill this chance. It is our intention to dissuade them from wanting to hurt us. But this is not done overnight."

In line with his statements, and as has been the case for the past 74 days, Israeli planes again today raided several Lebanese towns and villages, and Palestinian refugee camps in South Lebanon.

At 11.30 a.m. a squadron of Israeli planes raided the city of Sidon and the nearby camp of Ain Al-Hilweh. Palestinian anti-aircraft defences fired at the planes, preventing them from carrying out their mission of murder and destruction, and succeeded in shooting down two Israeli planes which fell into the sea.

At 12 noon, another squadron of Israeli planes heavily bombarded the regions of Ansariya, Al-Baqqouq and Jal Al-Bahr in the Tyre region. Again Palestinian ground defences responded to the brutal raid forcing the Israeli planes to fly at high altitudes. At 1 p.m. Israeli planes were still overflying the area and Palestinian anti-aircraft defences were responding to them.

Once again the murderous neo-fascist gang in Tel Aviv has clearly demonstrated that it is devoid of conscience and humanity where the lives of Palestinians and Lebanese are concerned, and in keeping with the depraved racist ideology of zionism, resorts to State organized terrorism to reach its immoral objective - the total annihilation of the Palestinian people. These savage and inhuman military attacks merely serve to aggravate and intensify the tensions in the area, and the threat to world peace and security arising from the racist Zionists perverse and despotic attitude needs no emphasis.

In drawing your attention to this gravely worsening situation I express the hope that you will take immediate and effective measures to end this campaign to annihilate the Palestinian people.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI
Permanent Observer



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LETTER DATED 27 JUNE 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
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OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization in connexion with the barbaric attacks by Israel on defenceless Lebanese and Palestinians. I request, Your Excellency, to circulate the enclosed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdulla Y. BISHARA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 25 June 1979 from the Permanent Observer of the
Palestine Liberation Organization addressed to the President
of the Security Council

On instructions of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization I am requested to bring the following to your immediate attention.

On 24 June 1979, the Israeli Air Force carried out a series of devastating air attacks on civilian targets which resulted in 20 casualties, most of them women and children. Yesterday's attacks came six days after the Israeli Air Force made similar raids on five villages in the coastal region and one in the Beqaa valley. The hardest hit was the village of Aqbiya in the hills, south-east of Sidon where four people were killed, 11 wounded, the village market and numerous houses destroyed.

The village which had no commando presence in or near it, was repeatedly bombed and strafed by a formation of 8 Israeli planes. Also hit in the raid were the villages of Toffahta, Abul Al Aswad and Al-Wasta near the coast between Sidon and Tyre, Al-Itaniya approximately 10 kilometres inland, and Suhmur in the southern Beqaa valley.

For almost one hour this morning, heavy Israeli artillery shelled the village of Aishiya and the neighbouring region causing extensive damage. Including the attacks of the past 48 hours, the Israeli armed forces have carried out 75 consecutive days of artillery, aerial and naval bombardments of southern Lebanon. These attacks, directed at civilian targets, have resulted not only in the loss of innocent lives, but in a mass exodus of the civilian population from the region.

It is evident that the racist Zionist gang in Tel Aviv feels no compunction about infringing on and violating the human rights of Palestinian and Lebanese civilians, it even resorts to state organized murder to reach its ends. These brutal and mindless military attacks merely serve to aggravate the tensions in the area, and the threat to world peace and security arising from their offensive and arrogant attitude needs no emphasis.

In drawing your attention to this seriously volatile situation, I express the hope that you will take immediate and effective measures to end this abominable and inhumane campaign against innocent civilians.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI
Permanent Observer



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LETTER DATED 25 MAY 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request you to circulate the enclosure as a document
of the Security Council so as to enable the world to see the bloodthirsty nature
of the ruling circles in Tel Aviv.

(Signed) Abdalla Y. BISHARA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the
State of Kuwait to the United
Nations

Annex

Letter dated 24 May 1979 from the Permanent Observer of the
Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

I am instructed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization to bring the following to your immediate attention.

Pursuing their unremitting policy of genocide against the Palestinian people and in conformity with the so-called Israeli declaration of late, to hit at the Palestinians at all times and in a manner chosen by the armed forces, the terrorist armed forces of the racist Zionist junta in Tel Aviv carried out the following criminal acts.

On 22 May 1979 at 5.30 p.m. Israeli artillery shelled the Palestinian refugee camp at Rashidiyeh for 120 minutes. At 9 p.m. they shelled Nabiteyeh and Arnoun for 60 minutes.

On 23 May 1979, Israeli war planes attacked Al-Sultan School in Na'imeh, and also raided Damour and Aishiyeh hitting a refrigerator factory near Damour. By 5.30 p.m. New York time the total number of victims were 68 civilians wounded, 11 killed, including 2 policemen.

During these savage and brutal raids, the Israeli Air Force used US supplied fragmentation and incendiary bombs, as well as time-bombs which exploded as fire brigades were fighting fires, in particular the fire at the refrigerator factory. Damage to property is extensive.

These barbaric crimes - a continuation of the Zionist's scheme for the genocidal elimination of the Palestinian people - are perpetrated with the obvious collaboration and connivance of the Government of the United States.

During the past 48 hours, the Israeli navy has committed an act of piracy on the high seas, by seizing a merchant vessel flying a Panamanian flag with a cargo of Mercedes automobiles.

It is evident from the aforementioned facts that the racist Zionists have been receiving increasing encouragement from the United States and others to pursue their cruel, inhuman and unrelenting policy of genocide against the Palestinian people.

The United Nations and its organs including the Security Council are called upon to assume their responsibility to put an effective end to such criminal and inhuman acts committed by members of this Organization.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI
Permanent Observer

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Letter dated 24 May 1979 from the Permanent Representative
of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the very serious Israeli acts of aggression against Lebanon, still in process at the time of writing.

1. On Wednesday 23 May 1979, the Israeli air force raided the towns of Haret El-Naame, Damour, Aichiye and Rihan. Civilians were killed and injured, among them children and women, and material damages were extensive.
2. Israeli naval vessels launched an attack against the city of Tyr and the neighbouring area, resulting in the killing of at least two civilians and the wounding of many others. There was also extensive material damage to property and residential areas.
3. Israeli artillery shelled the towns of Juaiya, Cana, Kaoukaba, Bourgoz and the Palestinian refugee camp of El-Bass.

This information is only preliminary since the attacks on Lebanon were in progress at the time of writing. No reason has been given by the Israelis to "justify" this last series of aggressions against Lebanon.

The press has been reporting certain incidents in the Tel-Aviv and Hebron areas many hundreds of kilometres away from Lebanon. It would seem strange indeed that the Israelis, who have been claiming peaceful intentions in recent debates on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, should continue to perpetrate such abominable acts of aggression, ignoring the efforts now under way at the Security Council. We strongly reject that such serious escalation

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be "justified" by a so-called policy of preemptive strikes or the inadmissible "right of hot pursuit", let alone retaliation on civilians who in no way can be held responsible for any acts of war, more particularly when such acts are committed well inside Israel.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 25 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



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LETTER DATED 8 MAY 1979 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith two letters dated 7 May 1979 from
the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization concerning the
barbarous raid by the Israeli warplanes against the defenceless Palestinian
refugee camps.

I would request you to circulate the enclosures as a document of the
Security Council.

(Signed) Abdulmohsen EL JFAAN
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
Permanent Mission of the State
of Kuwait to the United Nations

Annex I

Letter dated 7 May 1979 from the Permanent Observer of the
Palestine Liberation Organization addressed to the President
of the Security Council

Upon instructions of the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, I should like to bring the following to your attention:

On Sunday, 6 May 1979 at 0730 hours, four Israeli warplanes raided the Palestinian refugee camp at Nahr al Bared near Tripoli for a period of 15 minutes. One infant and five other civilians were killed and 10 others were wounded.

I am also instructed to call upon you to take immediate measures to put an end to this renewed cycle of violence which Israel has launched and which aggravates the already explosive situation in the area and constitutes a threat to peace.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI
Permanent Observer

Annex II

Letter dated 7 May 1979 from the Permanent Observer of the
Palestine Liberation Organization addressed to the President
of the Security Council

I am instructed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization to bring the following to your attention:

Within 24 hours of their barbarous raid in the vicinity of Tripoli, the Israeli Air Force at 1530 hours Beirut time bombarded the villages of Al-Aishiya and Riman. The raid, which lasted 15 minutes, resulted in damage to a number of houses. Details of injuries and deaths have not yet been reported.

I am also asked to call upon you to take immediate action to put an end to the persistent Israeli policy of murdering innocent children and women in Palestinian refugee camps.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI
Permanent Observer
