



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Lebanon

10 November 2009

Excellency,

I sincerely appreciate your expression of sympathy and condolences at the recent loss of lives of United Nations employees as a result of the heinous terrorist attack against a United Nations guesthouse which took place in Kabul on 28 October 2009.

Your kind words of support and solidarity are a source of great comfort and solace to all of us during this particularly difficult period.

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

Ban Ki-moon
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His Excellency
Mr. Saad Rafic Hariri
Prime Minister of the Republic of Lebanon
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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Fuad Siniora, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Lebanon and His Excellency Mr. Saad Rafic Hariri, Prime Minister of the Republic of Lebanon.

Copies of the letters are attached for your information.

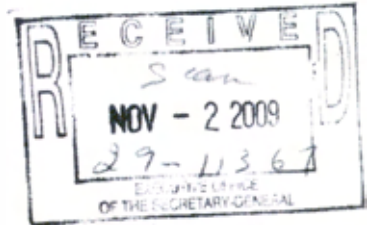
Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Nawaf Salam
Permanent Representative of Lebanon
to the United Nations
New York

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Beirut, October 29, 2009

His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-Moon
Secretary - General of the United Nations

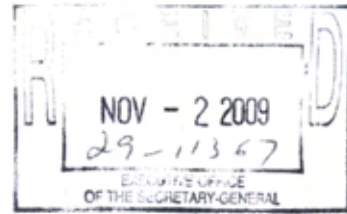
I was utterly shocked and horrified to hear the news of the attack on a guesthouse in the center of Kabul which killed 5 UN employees. This terrorist act against innocent people aims at thwarting Afghanistan's revival and undermining the democratic electoral process which the Afghans have bravely fought to establish. This terrible attack was directed not only at United Nations personnel, who risk their lives for the country's stabilization and reconstruction, but also at the whole international community.

In these tragic circumstances, I would like to express my sincerest condolences to the United Nations Organization, to you personally and to the victims' families and close friends, whose sense of shock we share, and assure you and the United Nations staff of the Lebanese people's wholehearted solidarity. The victims of these terrorist attacks were devoted to helping the Afghan people build better lives. We pray God that they may rest in peace.

Once again, please accept Mr. Secretary-General my deepest sympathy as well as profound condolences. It is my hope that the United Nations will never face a similar situation in the future.

Sincerely,

Prime Minister Designate
Saad Rafic Hariri



Beirut, October 29, 2009

Mr. Michael Williams
Special Coordinator for Lebanon - United Nations

Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose herewith the condolence letter addressed by the Prime Minister Designate H.E. Mr. Saad Rafic Hariri, to His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary - General of the United Nations; on the act of attack on a guesthouse in the center of Kabul which killed 5 UN employees.

It would be appreciated if you could forward this letter to its honourable addressee.

Please accept the assurances of my distinguished consideration.

Nader Hariri
Chief of Staff
of Prime Minister Designate