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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 22 September 1980 from the Permanent  
Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter of 19 September 1980 (A/35/471, S/14180), I wish to draw Your Excellency's attention to the continuing Israeli attacks against South Lebanon. Both Tyre and Sidon have been subjected to shelling. In Tyre two more people were killed and 23 injured. Residential quarters as well as commercial districts were hit. Places of worship were not spared. Extensive damage to property was caused and a massive exodus of the inhabitants of Tyre took place.

In another violation of Lebanese sovereignty, Israeli aircraft overflew Beirut on 18 September 1980. An Israeli force entered the southern Lebanese village of Haddatha and demolished a house belonging to a Lebanese citizen.

On 19 September 1980, the city of Tyre was subjected again to intermittent shelling between 0200 and 0330 hours. Preliminary reports speak of material damage.

I would be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under agenda item 26.

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative