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The following bulletin was issued in Nicosia by the Information Centre of the Turkish Cypriot Community in connexion with the sacrilege and vandalism committed by Greek Cypriots, on 8 April 1966, against the historical and holy moslem-Turkish shrine of "Hala Sultan" at Larnaca:

"New Greek sacrilege

Another example of barbarity and vandalism

Greek Cypriot thugs in the guise of national guardsmen posted in the area of the Larnaca salt lake, have added another aggression to their list of sacrilegious acts by attacking the historic Tekke of Hala Sultan.

Reports from Larnaca say that some 'national guardsmen' trespassed into the Holy Shrine of Hala Sultan last Friday, April 8, by climbing the minaret by the use of a ladder, and caused considerable damage to its contents.

Others forced their way into the shrine by breaking through the main entrance and stole a number of valuable articles, including embroidered covers. They have also broken to pieces ornate antique boxes outside the main door.

The incident has been reported to UNFICYP and it is understood that the U.N. Observers have ascertained this after carrying out inquiries on the spot."

I shall be grateful if Your Excellency would kindly have this letter circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Orhan ERALP
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Turkey
to the United Nations