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Letter dated 8 April 1970 from the Permanent Representative
of the United Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General

The Israeli Phantom jets today attacked a primary school (the Bahr Al Bakr School) in the village of Houssaneya in Sharkia Province, 80 kilometres north of Cairo, murdering thirty-one school children and wounding another thirty-six. The attack also resulted in the killing and wounding of other civilians.

In previous letters, the most recent of which is contained in documents A/7953 and S/9656, the United Arab Republic has drawn attention to Israel's attacks on civilian targets and to its serious implications.

The Israeli claim that their attack today was on a military target can be understood only if they mean that the children of Egypt will grow up to be defendants of their lands against any and all aggressors.

Upon instructions from my Government, I request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

(Signed) Mohamed H. EL-ZAYYAT
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United Arab Republic to the
United Nations

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