



UNITED NATIONS
SECURITY
COUNCIL



Distr.
GENERAL

S/13999
16 June 1980

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

LETTER DATED 16 JUNE 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL TO
THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Yet again, I wish to draw your urgent attention to the ongoing attempts by PLO terrorists based in Lebanon to conduct acts of indiscriminate terror against the civilian population of Israel.

Early this morning, 16 June 1980 (local time), an Israel Navy patrol spotted and intercepted a rubber dinghy off the Mediterranean coast west of Achziv, a village some three miles south of the border with Lebanon. The craft had entered Israel's coastal waters from the north. Aboard it were three PLO criminals dispatched to carry out acts of terror in Israel. In the exchange of fire the dinghy was sunk, and the three terrorists were killed.

Within hours a PLO spokesman in Damascus took responsibility for this terrorist attempt, which was apparently aimed against Achziv (as reported today on Radio Monte Carlo).

This criminal attempt, which could have had grave consequences, was by no means the first of its kind.

As will be recalled, a design of this kind took its tragic toll on 22 April 1979. On that occasion, as reported to you at the time (A/34/207-S/13264), four PLO terrorists landed by means of a rubber dinghy at Nahariya some six miles from the Lebanese border. In the course of the ensuing outrage, four Israel civilians, including a man and his two little daughters, died and two other civilians were wounded.

It will also be recalled that the Israel Navy providentially foiled similar sea-borne attempts by the PLO from Lebanon in April, June, August and November of last year (see my letters of 22 April, 5 June, 20 August and 20 November 1979, circulated as documents A/34/207-S/13264; A/34/298-S/13376; A/34/429-S/13508 and A/34/705-S/13635 respectively). The last of those incidents was, like today's, also foiled in the waters opposite the village of Achziv.

This latest incident must also be seen against the background of two other terrorist attempts which both occurred last week, on 10 June 1980.

In the first incident, two explosive devices went off in the centre of the town of Petah Tikvah, without causing damage or injury.

In the second, an Israel policeman was shot and wounded by a terrorist shooting from the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem.

The terrorist PLO took responsibility for both incidents in broadcasts on its radio in Lebanon.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yehuda Z. BLUM
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations
