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LETTER DATED 26 JUNE 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and pursuant to our meeting of today, I have the honour to bring to your attention recent actions undertaken by the Israeli Army in Southern Lebanon and particularly in the border area. The Israeli Army seems to have now developed a pattern nearing occupation and annexation of territory, which is of the utmost gravity.

While continuing, in violation of the relevant Security Council resolutions and of the General Armistice Agreement of 1949, regular patrols inside Lebanese territory, the Israeli Army is now constructing and establishing fixed military installations. It is now also engaged, openly and defiantly, in levying taxes by intimidation of the local population, appropriating and annexing land under duress, building roads, deforesting whole areas, establishing military training camps, warehouses and last but not least installing prefabricated houses for Israeli soldiers. You will find, annexed to this letter, a list of some of those very grave violations.

The implementation of this apparent scheme of colonization is accompanied by an escalation in what had become almost routine acts of hostility such as continued shelling of civilian positions inside and outside the "area of operation" of UNIFIL by land and sea, and the constant cruising of military vessels in Lebanese territorial waters.

The Government of Lebanon protests these acts in the strongest possible terms, and reserves its right to take all the necessary and legitimate measures to safeguard Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as the lives and property of Lebanese citizens. I am, therefore, instructed to request that this matter be immediately brought to the attention of the Security Council, reserving our right to call for an urgent meeting if the present situation should continue.

Pending a meeting of the Council - if and when deemed necessary - I am also instructed to request Your Excellency to take all the appropriate measures in implementation of Security Council resolutions concerning Southern Lebanon, either directly, or through UNIFIL, not excluding measures that fall within the

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framework of the General Armistice Agreement, and the possibility of convening an urgent meeting of ILMAC.

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

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Sample list of recent Israeli actions, in violation of Security Council resolutions on South Lebanon, as referred to in our letter of today

1. Since the month of April 1980, the Israelis have been trying to take possession of lands in the Wazzani region (Eastern Sector). Confronted with the villagers' strong resistance, the Israelis delayed their action.
2. In May 1980, the Israelis started setting up prefabricated houses and built a warehouse for weapons, ammunition and other military supplies within the limits of the village of Habbariye. They forcibly started building roads south of the village, in the direction of the Israeli border, and connecting those roads with roads inside Israel.
3. Specifically on 7 June 1980, the Israelis bulldozed large forest areas: 150 dunams south of the village of Alma-esh-Shaab (Caza of Tyre), and 50 dunams south-west of the village of Ayta esh-Shaab (Caza of Bint Jbeil), with the obvious intention of annexing these border areas to Israeli territory. The villagers having protested and resisted these acts, the Israelis announced that they propose to pay IL 40 (US 85 cents) for every square metre of "sequestered" land. Israeli military "authorities" arbitrarily established so-called "sale contracts" at the village mukhtar's (elderly headman), which the villagers would be forced to sign. Ironically enough one "Major Danny" told protestors from among the so-called "Militias": Do you expect our assistance to you in weapons and "protection" to be free of charge?
4. On 15 June 1980, the Israelis built a fence, at the South-East end of Adaisse - near the Lebanon-Israeli frontier - enclosing an area in excess of 250 dunams, from Sarada to Meis-el-Jabal.
5. The most recent Israeli training camps and military positions, well inside Lebanese territory have been established in the following localities:
 - (a) South of the village of Alma-esh-Shaab.
 - (b) In the village of Yaroun.
 - (c) In the village of Khiam.
 - (d) At the north-eastern end of Marjougoun.

It is to be noted that heavy artillery and tanks are deployed in the Marjougoun Camp. As for the Camp of Khiam, it is currently used for training in city warfare and the use of explosives.
