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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 1 July 1980 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

While the Security Council was meeting yesterday to act on resolution 476 (1980) concerning Jerusalem, Israel was engaged in yet another act of defiance of the international community, of international law, and of the resolutions of the Security Council, including the General Armistice Agreement with Lebanon of 1949.

I am instructed by my Government to protest to the Security Council in the strongest possible terms the acts of aggression committed by Israel and to bring the matter to your urgent attention. While reserving our right to call for a meeting of the Security Council, if the escalation of violence should continue, we hereby reiterate what we have already stated in our letter of 26 June 1980 (S/14023): that we hope that action can still be taken, within the framework of the United Nations, particularly through the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and the Israel-Lebanon Mixed Armistice Commission, to prevent further deterioration and a meeting of the Council.

Please find annexed a list of Israel's acts of aggression, committed in the past few days.

I have the honour to request that this letter and its annex be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 26 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Recent Israeli aggressions in South Lebanon as  
referred to in our letter of to-day.

1. On 29 June 1980:

- At 2110 hours, Israeli aircraft overflew South Lebanon including the "area of operation" of UNIFIL and Zahrani.
- At 2155 hours, Israeli naval vessels, helicopters as well as war planes were observed near Sa'adiat.
- At 2210 hours, Israeli aircraft fired light flairs over Zahrani.
- At 2230 hours, Israeli aircraft overflew Nabatieh at very low altitude.
- At 2310 hours, Israeli craft fired light flairs over the whole area: Tyre, Zahrani, Nabatieh, Abou al-Assouad, Sa'adiat and the eastern sector, at Ra'as el'Ain and the central sector.

2. On 30 June 1980:

- At 0035 hours, an Israeli force carried by two helicopters was landed near the Kassmieh bridge and the Kanaters area.

As a result of this operation 13 persons were killed, 29 wounded, two individuals were kidnapped and five houses were demolished.

The force withdrew at 0230 hours. After the withdrawal, one person was killed by a booby-trap laid by the Israelis.

3. It is to be noted further that on the 26 of June, two children, aged 12 and 14, were killed in the afternoon in the village of Bayyadah (10 Kms. from the border) while playing inadvertently with delayed-action explosives carried by a fragmentation bomb. This incident had been officially confirmed by the UN spokesman in Lebanon on 27th June, Friday.

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