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LETTER DATED 2 SEPTEMBER 1980 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF TUNISIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations.

I request you to arrange for it to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Taieb SLIM
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 28 August 1980 from the Deputy Permanent Observer
of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions of Chairman Arafat, I am requested to bring to your immediate attention recent Israeli military moves in Lebanon which have thrust the region into an extremely delicate and sensitive situation.

Israel has massed troops in the border strip near Tal Al-Khardal in the Maj'oun, Kilaia and Kafr Kila, and has pushed into the central district.

Moreover, Israel has mobilized an armoured battalion backed by three heavy batteries of artillery and rockets. Israel has additionally mobilized the Golan Brigade and Paratrooper Brigade No. 37, in the northern district. At the same time, the Israeli navy is harassing the Lebanese coast from Beirut to Tyre.

The intentions of Israel in carrying out an overall aggression against the Palestinian and Lebanese people in Lebanon is clear, particularly in light of recent outright threats made by the Deputy Minister of Israel and the Chairman of the Foreign and Defence Committee of the Israeli Parliament.

The Deputy Defence Minister of Israel declared that Israel will continue its air strikes on southern Lebanon and will continue attacking Palestinian concentrations in the Lebanon. He also warned that the Israeli air force will attack anyone who attempts to intervene against the Israeli air force. He added that the Syrian air force, "must understand this perfectly, otherwise we will teach them new lessons." The Chairman of the Foreign and Defence Committee in the Israeli Parliament made similar threats which reflect Israel's aggressive designs.

These military actions by Israel are exacerbating an already explosive situation and contain dangerous implications for peace and security in the region. Sir, I am requested to urge you to take necessary action so this most recent Zionist aggression does not continue.

(Signed) Hasan RAHMAN
Deputy Permanent Observer