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LETTER DATED 3 DECEMBER 1980 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the latest aggression committed by Israel against my country.

Between 0050 and 0235 hours, Israeli forces landed between es-Saadiyat and Damour. Heavy machine guns were used, and artillery shells and rockets were fired from Israeli naval vessels at the coastal area of Jiyeh. During the attack, helicopters dropped flares and gave support to the aggressors. Preliminary reports speak of many people killed and wounded.

My Government protests strongly against these attacks, which nothing that has been said by the Israelis can justify. The continued cycle of violence exacerbates tensions in the area and can lead to a further deterioration of the situation with grave consequences for peace and security in the region and beyond.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Fakhri SAGHIYYAH
Chargé d'Affaires, a.i.