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LETTER DATED 30 JANUARY 1981 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

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

29 January 1981

At 1400 hours, Israeli warplanes raided the area around Ain el-Helwe, near Sidon.

At 1410 hours, four Israeli aircraft raided two localities in the Tyre pocket:

- (a) The station of Kharba Ma'shouq;
- (b) The village of Jaroudiyeh, north of Bourj esh-Shemali.

Between 1410 and 1420 hours, two Israeli warplanes dropped four bombs on Mazra'at el-Luwaizeh, near al-Aishiyeh.

Between 1415 and 1420 hours, one Israeli plane dropped a bomb on the Khiami area north of the village of West Zawtar, near Nabatiyeh.

At 1730 hours, Israeli aircraft raided the villages of Rumaileh, al-Awwali, Wadi ez-Zeineh and Almat.

Preliminary reports speak of 8 people killed and 42 wounded, as well as of extensive material damage to property.

30 January 1981

Between 0930 and 1200 hours, Israel shelled the following areas: en-Nabi Taher, Kfar Tibnit, el-Jurmoq and al-Hamra.

Casualty figures and damage to property, as of the time of reporting these attacks, could not be determined.

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My Government wishes to protest strongly against these unwarranted attacks on my country. This continuing cycle of violence violates the Lebanese-Israeli Armistice Agreement of 1949 and the various Security Council resolutions on south Lebanon. This escalation and the wanton use of air raids undermine the efforts made to reactivate ILMAC and constitute a serious threat to the implementation of the UNIFIL mandate. Accordingly, my Government reserves the right to call for a meeting if the Security Council, should the situation deteriorate further.

I would be most grateful of Your Excellency would be kind enough to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council under the item "The situation in the Middle East".

(<u>Signed</u>) Fakhri SAGHIYYAH Chargé d'Affaires a.i.