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LETTER DATED 24 FEBRUARY 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, once more, a serious and unprovoked aggression committed by Israel against Lebanon.

During the night of 22/23 February instant, at 2205 hours, five Israeli helicopters landed troops near the village of Kfour, north-west of Nabatiyeh. This operation was carried out under the cover of heavy artillery shelling of the area, with concentration on the following villages: Beaufort, al-Hamra, Yuhmor, Kfar Tibnit, Horsh en-Nabi Taher, al-Jurmoq and Nabatiyeh.

The operation lasted four hours, and as a result seven persons were killed and three wounded, two houses were demolished and a large number of livestock destroyed.

This blatant act of aggression, yet again, violates the Charter of the United Nations and the Lebanese-Israeli Armistice Agreement of 1949, and constitutes a serious challenge to the Security Council's attempts to restore peace to south Lebanon.

My Government, therefore, reserves the right to call for a meeting of the Security Council should that become necessary.

I should be most grateful if you can have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council under the item entitled "The Situation in the Middle East".

(Signed) Fakhri SAGH'IYYAH
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.