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LETTER DATED 10 APRIL 1981 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE DEMOCRATIC YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request that the attached letter submitted by the  
Observer Mission of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations,  
addressed to you, be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdulla S. ASHTAL  
Ambassador Extraordinary  
and Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative to  
the United Nations

Annex

Letter dated 10 April 1981 from the Deputy Permanent Observer  
of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations  
addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from Chairman Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organization I wish to bring to your immediate attention the latest Zionist aggression which threatens not only stability in our region, but international peace and security as well.

Last night, beginning in the late evening, the Israeli forces struck repeatedly at south Lebanon with planes, heliborne forces, artillery and naval vessels. The attacks began when Israeli naval vessels shelled the coast north of Tyre. They followed up with a landing of heliborne assault forces at Beir Al-Zahrani, Si'a and other points in the area between Sidon and Nabatiya. Heavy fighting immediately ensued between units of the Joint Forces in the areas and the Israeli raiders, and continued well after midnight.

Concurrently, intense artillery and rocket bombardments by Israeli ships and by artillery bases both in Israel and south Lebanon inflicted heavy damages in the Nabatiya, Rihan and Aishiya regions.

This morning, a flight of six Israeli planes bombarded the Delhamia area for over half an hour in an intense raid.

Sir, the gravity of this latest round of Zionist aggression cannot be underscored enough, as the situation is being brought to ever higher levels of tension each day that the Zionist aggression continues. I am instructed to seek your immediate intervention to check these aggressions which precariously threaten international peace and security.

Hasan RAHMAN  
Deputy Permanent Observer

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