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LETTER DATED 21 APRIL 1981 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letter of 10 March 1981 (S/14398 - also circulated as A/36/130), I wish to draw your urgent attention to the indiscriminate shelling of civilian centres in the north of Israel carried out yesterday and this morning, 20 and 21 April 1981, by PLO terrorists operating from Lebanon.

On 20 April, at about 16:00 hours and again at about 17:30 hours (local time) a number of shells were fired at the Western Galilee.

At about 22:00 hours the shelling was renewed and this time directed against both the Western Galilee and the "Galilee Panhandle".

On 21 April, at about 08:00 hours, further shells were fired at the Galilee Panhandle. Two civilians were injured.

As I have had occasion to observe in previous letters to Your Excellency, the Government of Israel is in the circumstances duty-bound to take all measures necessary to protect the lives and safety of its citizens.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yehuda Z. BLUM  
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Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations