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LETTER DATED 23 JUNE 1981 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
FIJI TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the statement issued yesterday by my Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, KBE on behalf of the Government of Fiji following receipt of the full information from the United Nations on the death late last week of two Fiji soldiers serving with UNIFIL in Lebanon.

I have the further honour to request, Your Excellency, that the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister's statement be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) F. N. BOLE  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement dated 23 June 1981 by the Prime Minister of Fiji,  
the Rt. Hon. Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, KBE

The Government of Fiji deeply deplores and condemns the actions of the armed elements which resulted in the senseless killings last week of two Fiji soldiers serving with UNIFIL in Lebanon.

The Government of Fiji considers the taking of Fiji soldiers engaged in peace-keeping duties and their killing were unjustifiable acts and can only prejudice in the most negative way the cause of those engaged in such actions. Further, the Government of Fiji strongly believes that any harassment, kidnapping and killing of UNIFIL personnel are an insult to the United Nations, the international community and to the men serving the cause of peace in Southern Lebanon. The Government calls upon those concerned to desist from such unwarranted acts.

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