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LETTER DATED 22 JULY 1981 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letter to the President of the Security Council of 20 July 1981 (S/14603), and in the context of the Security Council deliberations which began Friday 17 July, I wish to draw your attention to the vast disruption of normal life and harassment of the civilian population as a result of continued indiscriminate shelling of civilian targets in the north of Israel by PLO terrorists operating in Lebanon.

Since my letter to Your Excellency of 20 July (S/14603), 22 additional bombardments of Katyusha rockets and artillery shells have hit the Galilee Panhandle and Western Galilee. In one of those barrages, which occurred at 13:00 hours (local time) on 21 July, a civilian was wounded in Nahariya and a school building was damaged. In the other attacks, mercifully, no one was injured.

The details of the PLO bombardments of civilian centres in the north of Israel since 20:00 hours on 20 July, until 09:15 hours this morning, are as follows:

- 20.7.1981
- 1. At 21:50 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of the Galilee Panhandle.
 - 2. At 22:40 hours, Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at the Galilee Panhandle.
 - 3. At 23:30 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of the Galilee Panhandle.
 - 4. At 23:55 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of the Galilee Panhandle.
- 21.7.1981
- 5. At 02:30 hours, Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at the Galilee Panhandle.
 - 6. At 02:45 hours, Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at the Galilee Panhandle.
 - 7. At 02:45 hours, Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at Western Galilee.

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- 8. At 03:10 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of the Galilee Panhandle.
- 9. At 03:25 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of the Galilee Panhandle.
- 10. At 03:45 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of the Galilee Panhandle.
- 11. At 04:15 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of the Galilee Panhandle.
- 12. At 04:50 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of the Galilee Panhandle.
- 13. At 13:00 hours, Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at the Galilee Panhandle.
- 14. At 13:00 hours, Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at Western Galilee. One civilian was wounded in Nahariya. A school building in Nahariya was hit and damaged.
- 15. At 20:00 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of the Galilee Panhandle.
- 16. At 20:00 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of Western Galilee.
- 17. From 22:00 hours to 24:00 hours, continuous barrage of artillery shells and Katyusha rockets fired from Lebanese territory at the Galilee Panhandle.
- 22.7.1981 18. At 01:30 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of the Galilee Panhandle.
 - 19. At 01:30 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of Western Galilee.
 - 20. At 05:00 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of the Galilee Panhandle.
 - 21. At 09:15 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of the Galilee Panhandle.
 - 22. At 09:15 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of Western Galilee.

In the numberous bombardments throughout the Galilee, considerable damage was caused to property, including a school, farms and heavy agricultural equipment, 250 dwelling units as well as to the region's electricity grid.

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

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to the United Nations