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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 24 July 1981 from the Permanent Representative of
Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter to Your Excellency of 23 July 1981 (A/36/401), I wish to draw your urgent attention to the continued indiscriminate shelling of the civilian population in northern Israel by PLO terrorists operating from Lebanon.

In a Katyusha barrage at 0945 hours (local time) this morning, one civilian was killed in Kiryat Shmonah, and 12 others were wounded.

Since my above-mentioned letter, 11 additional bombardments of Katyusha rockets and artillery shells have hit the Galilee Panhandle and western Galilee. A total of six people have been killed and 59 others wounded since the recent PLO shellings of the Galilee began on 15 July.

The details of the PLO bombardments of civilian targets in the north of Israel from 0915 hours on 22 July to 0945 hours today are as follows:

- 22.7.1981: 1. At 1510 hours, Katyusha barrage from Lebanese territory on the Galilee Panhandle.
2. At 2100 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of western Galilee.
- 23.7.1981: 3. At 0300 hours, Katyusha barrage from Lebanese territory on the Galilee Panhandle.
4. At 0630 hours, Katyusha barrage from Lebanese territory on the Galilee Panhandle.
5. At 1930 hours, Katyusha barrage from Lebanese territory on western Galilee.

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6. At 2015 hours, Katyusha barrage from Lebanese territory on western Galilee.
7. At 2315 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of the Galilee Panhandle.
- 24.7.1981: 8. At 0105 hours, Katyusha barrage from Lebanese territory on the Galilee Panhandle.
9. At 0245 hours, shelling from Lebanese territory of western Galilee.
10. At 0450 hours, Katyusha rockets and artillery shells fired from Lebanese territory at western Galilee.
11. At 0945 hours, Katyusha barrages from Lebanese territory on the Galilee Panhandle. One civilian was killed in Kiryat Shmonah, and 12 others were wounded.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 33 of the provisional agenda.

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