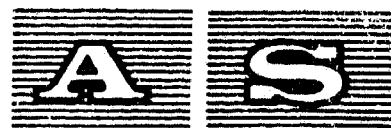


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Note verbale dated 24 July 1981 from the Permanent Mission
of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith a declaration issued by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan in relation to the Israeli aggression in Lebanon.

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to the United Nations has further the honour to request that this note and the enclosed text be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 31, 33 and 58 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN
DENOUNCES ZIONIST RAIDS ON LEBANON

Kabul, July 22 Bakhtar. Following is the text of the Declaration issued by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan in relation to the Israeli aggression on Lebanon.

In spite of the fact that the barbarous attacks of the aggressive Israel on Lebanon by land, air and sea have not been unprecedented in the past 30 years but this time the Zionist aggressive government supported by the United States imperialism has gone so far in its impudence as to grossly violate the national sovereignty of an Arab state under the pretext of deterring the activities of the Palestine movement of resistance and for the so-called maintaining of the security of the Zionists and to launch severe rocket and artillery attacks on the villages in south of Lebanon and turn them into ruins.

Moreover, the aggressive Israel has stepped further and has strongly attacked on Beirut City where the Palestinian refugee camps are located as also the communication lines in the south of Lebanon. The Zionists state this time has not stopped at simple military attack but has also landed its infantry in south Lebanon by helicopters. The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan along with the broad masses of the peoples of the world pay attention to the words of Yasser Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), who, drawing the attention of the freedom loving and humane people of the world and all Muslim nations to this aggression, said:

"We are now in a state of war with Israel and Menachim Begin. The Zionist premier aspires like Hitler for the final solution i.e. for the freedom to completely exterminate the nation. But the Arab people of Palestine will not bow to this threat of the terrorist Begin who has resorted to it on the instructions of his White House masters. The Palestinian nation is fighting only for its right to have an independent state and aspires for a peaceful life with the others."

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan believes that behind the curtain of the so-called ceasefire negotiations which are being conducted by Philip Habib, the envoy of Ronald Reagan, is concealed the provision of unlimited political, economic, military and propaganda support to the Zionist government of Israel.

These activities are aimed at hiding the crimes of the Zionism of Israel from the eyes of the world's people. Instead of giving a clear response to the constructive peace proposals of the Soviet Union about the Middle East, Washington with her new collusions with the regimes of Sadat and Begin about the Sinai Peninsula and the subversive activities of Philip Habib in the Middle East, is out on an unprecedented scale to ignite terror and fire in Lebanon and the Middle East.

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The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan points out that the brutal and barbarous invasion of the Zionist government on the nuclear power centre of Iraq has only not evoked any reaction in the United States but that the United States encouraged the Zionist aggressor, Israel, even further for the continuation of the aggressions with her promise of delivery of F-16 fighters.

The recent criminal and predatory attacks of Israel and the harassment and intimidation of the innocent people of Lebanon has once again shown that the aggressive zionism in collaboration with American war-mongering and aggressive circles is preparing for another war in the Middle East which not only threatens seriously the Middle East but also endangers the peace and security all over the world.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan strongly denounces the terrorist actions and piratic aggressions of Israel which are carried on against Lebanon with the encouragement of the United States and determinedly supporting the people of Lebanon and the Arab people of Palestine and demands together with all the peace-loving people of the world, adoption of international sanctions against Israel so that the people of the Middle East and the world may be saved from a horrible and great war which will result in ruin and destruction for mankind.
