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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 8 June 1982 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Viet Nam to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith a statement issued on 7 June 1982 by the spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, condemning Israel's recent aggressive acts against the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples, and request Your Excellency kindly to have this letter and its enclosure circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 31 and 34 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

S T A T E M E N T
BY THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM CONDEMNING ISRAEL'S
RECENT AGGRESSIVE ACTS AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN AND
LEBANESE PEOPLES

Successively on 4, 5 and 6 June 1982, the warlike Israeli authorities launched savage air raids on populated areas in Beirut and other parts of Lebanon, which killed or wounded hundreds of Lebanese and Palestinian civilians, mostly old people and children. It particularly draws public attention to the attacks on June 6 by Israeli tanks and other vehicles across the Lebanese border on Tyr, on the encampment of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), and on Sebha area in Southern Lebanon.

These are new, brazen aggressive acts of Israel which are encouraged by the U.S. to weaken the resistance forces of Palestine and the struggle of the Lebanese and Arab peoples. They grossly infringe upon the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon, cause tension in the region, and disrupt peace and security of the peoples in the Middle East and the rest of the world.

The Foreign Ministry of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam sternly condemns those criminal acts of the Israeli aggressors abetted by the U.S. imperialists.

The Government and people of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam unswervingly and fully support the just and surely victorious struggle of the Palestinian, Lebanese and other Arab peoples for their independence and sovereignty and their sacred national rights.

HANOI, 7 June, 1982
