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LETTER DATED 12 JULY 1982 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF  
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF PAKISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to forward herewith the text of a letter addressed by His Excellency General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, to the heads of State or Government of the permanent members of the Security Council concerning the situation in Lebanon.

I shall be grateful if you could kindly have this letter and the attached text of the President's letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khalid MAHMOOD  
Acting Permanent Representative

Annex

Text of the letter addressed by His Excellency General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq,  
President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, to the heads of State or  
Government of the permanent members of the Security Council concerning  
the situation in Lebanon

The tragic plight of the people of Lebanon in the wake of Israel's ruthless military assault on that country and the brutalities perpetrated on the besieged population of Beirut compel me to seek your personal intervention in terminating an intolerable state of affairs.

Thousands of Arab and Palestinian men, women and children have been massacred. Hundreds of thousands have been uprooted from their homes and reduced to a state of existence unacceptable to a civilized world. West Beirut, totally surrounded by the Israeli army, is being systematically reduced to rubble, and its entrapped people face death by starvation and disease.

The future of our civilization depends on whether we are still capable of being stirred by such an appalling spectacle. I believe that the moral impulse which keeps the heart of our civilization beating is alive and will not permit us to remain in a continuing state of inertia induced by the sheer audacity of the Israeli assault on a hapless Lebanon. We are all equally answerable for man's unsurpassed barbarity to man which the people of Lebanon have the misfortune of experiencing before our very eyes. History is an unsparing judge, and we must tremble at its verdict if we remain unconcerned with the tragedy of Lebanon.

The world community has a clear duty to stop Israel from pursuing its genocidal war to the bitter end. The primary responsibility to curb Israel rests with the permanent members of the Security Council, particularly the super Powers, who have the ability and the resources to do so. If Israel is not restrained now the consequences for regional and global peace and security will be incalculable, and neither the great nor the small will be able to escape the impact of the forces that may be unleashed. Your Excellency bears a special responsibility to uphold the cause of justice and peace in our tormented world. I, therefore, urge you to use the power and influence at your command to bring about an immediate Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon. I also appeal to you to join in a concerted effort to ensure the restitution of the inalienable national and human rights of the Palestinian people whose unredeemed sufferings constitute a blot on the conscience of mankind.

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