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LETTER DATED 26 JULY 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to bring to your attention Israel's violation of all forms of international law in its occupation of South Lebanon.

Not content with acts of continued violence and brutality that have caused extreme destruction and innumerable casualties, Israel is now proceeding to establish parallel local administrations, ignoring the legitimate Lebanese local authorities in the various cities, towns and villages. The Lebanese authorities have thereby been constantly harassed and often physically prevented from carrying out their functions.

The President of the Republic has personally brought the issue before the Council of Ministers during its meeting held on Saturday, 24 July 1982. He expressed his deep concern at the kidnapping of a member of Parliament visiting the area, attacks on Lebanese army barracks, the arrest and disarming of soldiers of the Lebanese army and elements of the Lebanese security forces.

In bringing this matter to your attention, my Government requests you to do your utmost to help redress the situation and have Israel desist from such blatant violations of international law and of Security Council resolutions. We suggest that UNIFIL, according to resolution 511 (1982), be instructed to assist the Lebanese authorities in discharging their duties.

We hope that you will find it possible that UNIFIL, already active in the area, should assume this task under its present mandate, as stipulated in Security Council resolution 425 (1978), "restoring international peace and security and assisting the Government of Lebanon in ensuring the return of its effective authority".

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

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative