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LETTER DATED 4 JUNE 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I am instructed by my Government to bring to the urgent attention of the Security Council the most recent Israeli aggression against Lebanon that has taken place today.

At 3.15 p.m., Beirut local time, waves of Israeli military aircraft began to conduct no less than nine successive bombing raids on the city of Beirut and its outskirts. These fierce attacks have hit civilian targets in densely populated areas and resulted in as yet an undetermined number of casualties and immense destruction of property.

Later in the afternoon, Israeli forces began to shell the area in South Lebanon north of Nabatiyeh, and Israeli seacraft also joined in the shelling.

Israeli sources have tried to justify their raid by citing the attempted assassination of the Israeli Ambassador in London, although the attempt was carried out by non-Lebanese and as yet unidentified persons. While there is unanimous condemnation of this attempt, in no way can Lebanon be held accountable, and no principles of international law can justify Israel's violent aggression.

My Government therefore wishes to lodge a complaint against Israel at the Security Council for violating the General Armistice Agreement of 1949, Security Council Resolution 425 (1978) and ensuing resolutions, as well as the most elementary principles of the Charter and of international law.

On behalf of my Government, I wish to call for urgent consideration by the Security Council, and at the same time, to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative