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LETTER DATED 27 JUNE 1979 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization in connexion with the barbaric attacks by Israel on defenceless Lebanese and Palestinians. I request, Your Excellency, to circulate the enclosed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdulla Y. BISHARA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 25 June 1979 from the Permanent Observer of the
Palestine Liberation Organization addressed to the President
of the Security Council

On instructions of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization I am requested to bring the following to your immediate attention.

On 24 June 1979, the Israeli Air Force carried out a series of devastating air attacks on civilian targets which resulted in 20 casualties, most of them women and children. Yesterday's attacks came six days after the Israeli Air Force made similar raids on five villages in the coastal region and one in the Beqaa valley. The hardest hit was the village of Aqbiya in the hills, south-east of Sidon where four people were killed, 11 wounded, the village market and numerous houses destroyed.

The village which had no commando presence in or near it, was repeatedly bombarded and strafed by a formation of 8 Israeli planes. Also hit in the raid were the villages of Toffahta, Abul Al Aswad and Al-Wasta near the coast between Sidon and Tyre, Al-Itaniya approximately 10 kilometres inland, and Suhmur in the southern Beqaa valley.

For almost one hour this morning, heavy Israeli artillery shelled the village of Aishiya and the neighbouring region causing extensive damage. Including the attacks of the past 48 hours, the Israeli armed forces have carried out 75 consecutive days of artillery, aerial and naval bombardments of southern Lebanon. These attacks, directed at civilian targets, have resulted not only in the loss of innocent lives, but in a mass exodus of the civilian population from the region.

It is evident that the racist Zionist gang in Tel Aviv feels no compunction about infringing on and violating the human rights of Palestinian and Lebanese civilians, it even resorts to state organized murder to reach its ends. These brutal and mindless military attacks merely serve to aggravate the tensions in the area, and the threat to world peace and security arising from their offensive and arrogant attitude needs no emphasis.

In drawing your attention to this seriously volatile situation, I express the hope that you will take immediate and effective measures to end this abominable and inhumane campaign against innocent civilians.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI
Permanent Observer
