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LETTER DATED 20 AUGUST 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.

I request Your Excellency to circulate the enclosure as a document of the  
Security Council.

(Signed) Abdulla Yaccoub BISHARA  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 15 August 1979 from the Permanent Observer of the  
Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations  
addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions of Chairman Yasir Arafat, I should like to refer to Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's statement on 14 August, in which he asserted that the Americans "accept" the Israeli Government's "authority", and "right" to attack what it regards to be "terrorist bases" in Lebanon.

Tangible evidence of American support for the Zionists' aims and policies is the variety of sophisticated American weaponry - with names such as the Hawkeye, the Cobra helicopter and the Redeye - which Israel has put to use against the so-called "terrorist bases" in Lebanon.

I should like to recall that on 26 June, Menachem Begin stated, in referring to these attacks: "We do not retaliate anymore. We hit them once or even twice a day according to our decision and anytime".

With the moral and material encouragement of the United States Government, the Zionists have intensified their attacks against the so-called "terrorist bases". This morning Israeli gunboats bombarded the road extending along the coast from Safafand to Shebriha. Israeli and isolationist artillery has been shelling intermittently the Ras el Ein region with a concentration of fire on the streets in the area.

The shelling was later intensified to include the area of Aysheya and the refugee camp at Al Buss.

The destruction in lives and property of these latest Zionist raids has yet to be assessed. But it is clear that what the Israelis refer to as "terrorist bases" are, in the parlance of human beings whose minds racism has not distorted, hamlets, villages and Palestinian refugee camps.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI  
Permanent Observer