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**Identical letters dated 30 July 2019 from the Permanent  
Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the  
Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith a letter from the Lebanese Ministry of National Defence (see annex) in response to the claims set out in the identical letters dated 23 April 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council ([S/2019/336](#)).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 38, and of the Security Council.

*(Signed)* **Amal Mudallali**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the identical letters dated 30 July 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

**Detailed response to allegations made by the Israeli enemy of so-called “Lebanese violations” of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) during the month of in March 2019**

The Ministry of National Defence states the following:

- The letter in question contains false and unconfirmed allegations, and fabrications intended to defame Lebanon in the international arena.
- Following investigations conducted by the Ministry of National Defence – Army Command into the allegations made by the Israeli enemy for the month of March 2019, the following emerged:

Nature of allegation according to the Israeli enemy's letter	Number of incidents	Result of investigation by the Lebanese Army		Remarks
		Inaccurate	Unconfirmed	
Armed soldiers observed	27	18	9	The arms in question were hunting rifles, as is stated in UNIFIL reports
Reconnaissance by Hizbullah members	53	53	–	
Crossing of the Blue Line	40	18	22	
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>26</b>	

*Inaccurate* – The incident was not reported to the Lebanese Army by the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), or it emerged after investigation by the Lebanese Army that the actual incident did not match what was stated in the allegation and did not constitute a violation of resolution 1701 (2006), or the incident did not occur.

*Unconfirmed* – The Lebanese Army received a report from UNIFIL, but it was not confirmed by the Lebanese Army.

*Remarks* – The Israeli allegations are discussed at the tripartite meetings that are held at Ra's al-Naqurah. They are not comparable to the violations that Israel commits of the sovereignty of Lebanon. Those violations include ongoing air and sea violations, pursuing and attempting to abduct herders whenever they come near the line of withdrawal, pointing weapons and tank cannons towards Lebanese civilians, Lebanese Army patrols and UNIFIL troops, and the ongoing occupation of the northern part of Ghajar town, the Shab'a Farms, the Kafr Shuba heights, Jabal al-Shaykh and Lebanese territory along the Blue Line.

Pursuant to the preceding, please inform the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations and instruct it to make these facts known in order to expose the Israeli enemy's attempt to defame Lebanon by making Lebanon appear to be the one violating international law and failing to comply with resolution 1701 (2006). Israel is only doing this to provide cover for its own land, sea and air violations of Lebanese sovereignty.

(Signed) Elias **Bou Saab**  
Minister of National Defence