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Letter dated 24 May 1979 from the Permanent Representative
of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the very serious Israeli acts of aggression against Lebanon, still in process at the time of writing.

1. On Wednesday 23 May 1979, the Israeli air force raided the towns of Haret El-Naame, Damour, Aichiye and Rihaan. Civilians were killed and injured, among them children and women, and material damages were extensive.
2. Israeli naval vessels launched an attack against the city of Tyr and the neighbouring area, resulting in the killing of at least two civilians and the wounding of many others. There was also extensive material damage to property and residential areas.
3. Israeli artillery shelled the towns of Juaiya, Cana, Kaoukaba, Bourgoz and the Palestinian refugee camp of El-Bass.

This information is only preliminary since the attacks on Lebanon were in progress at the time of writing. No reason has been given by the Israelis to "justify" this last series of aggressions against Lebanon.

The press has been reporting certain incidents in the Tel-Aviv and Hebron areas many hundreds of kilometres away from Lebanon. It would seem strange indeed that the Israelis, who have been claiming peaceful intentions in recent debates on the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, should continue to perpetrate such abominable acts of aggression, ignoring the efforts now under way at the Security Council. We strongly reject that such serious escalation

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be "justified" by a so-called policy of preemptive strikes or the inadmissible "right of hot pursuit", let alone retaliation on civilians who in no way can be held responsible for any acts of war, more particularly when such acts are committed well inside Israel.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 25 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ghassan TUENI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative