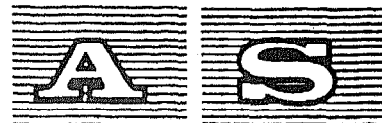


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Letter dated 15 June 1975 from the Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government and further to my previous letters concerning the dastardly attacks by PLO murder gangs from Lebanon against Israel, I should like to draw your urgent attention to the following.

A four-man murder squad, which had infiltrated from Lebanon, seized, this morning at 0530 hours local time, a house in the village of Kfar Yuval in Upper Galilee.

The owner, farmer Yaakov Mordekhai, was away, but his wife, their seven months' old baby, his father-in-law and two brothers-in-law were in the house.

Israeli soldiers, who had arrived at the scene and were joined by the owner, anxious to save his family, stormed the house.

In the ensuing exchange of fire, Yaakov Mordekhai lost his life in the explosion of a hand grenade thrown at him by the Arab murderers, who also killed one of his brothers-in-law.

Mrs. Mordekhai, her father, her baby and four more persons were wounded.

All four terrorists were shot and killed by the soldiers.

In a statement published in Beirut today, as reported by Agence France Presse at 1225 hours local time, a terror organization calling itself "The Arab Liberation Front" announced its responsibility for the murder attack.

The organization, supported by Iraq, has its bases there and in Lebanon, and is headed by one Omar el-Khialy, who is a member of the Executive Committee of the PLO and also serves as the head of the PLO's "Education and Culture Department".

In addition to the aforesaid statement published in Beirut, Radio Damascus broadcast today a declaration by Abd el Muhsein Abu Maizer, who stated, on behalf of the PLO, that the PLO took credit for the attack on Kfar Yuval. He went on to say: "We sponsored the operation, because it is our right to fight for our rights and the whole world sponsors that and our operations along with us, because the United Nations General Assembly has approved the right of the Palestinians to pursue their struggle with all means to regain their usurped rights".

This statement by the spokesman for the PLO should make Governments and international organizations ponder the results of their appeasement, support for the PLO and acquiescence in the participation of its representatives in international bodies and as interlocutors in various capitals.

Such support and acquiescence provide encouragement to the terrorists in the pursuit of savage atrocities and in their unrestrained efforts to sabotage every attempt to advance the region towards peace. The murderous activities of the terror organizations cannot deter Israel from its exertions towards peace, but they do raise grave questions regarding the responsibility assumed by certain Governments.

The prevailing unbearable situation in which Palestinian murder organizations, under the umbrella of the blood-stained and barbarian PLO, are in virtual control of parts of Lebanese territory and act therein as if they constituted a separate régime, places a heavy responsibility on the Government of Lebanon for all the consequences emanating therefrom. In these circumstances, it is the right and duty of Israel to take all the necessary steps for the protection of its citizens and its territory.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAHI
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations
