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Letter dated 14 May 1975 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 inform you that, since 1 May 1975, Israel has committed a renewed series of provocative and aggressive actions against Lebanon. These actions have included the crossing of the Lebanese frontier by Israeli infantry, overflights by Israeli warplanes breaking the sound barrier, the kidnapping of innocent persons, and the breaking into private homes, as detailed below:

On 1 May, an Israeli infantry unit crossed the Lebanese frontier on several occasions and fired automatic weapons on Lebanese army positions;

On 2 May, at 1000 hours local time, two Israeli planes flew over the Lebanese villages of Kfar Chouba and Rashaya;

On 3 May, at 1120 hours, two Israeli planes flew over Jebal el-Sheikh (Mount Hermon), Khiam, and Marjayoun. At 2330 hours, two flare-bombs were dropped near Jisr Hammoud;

On 4 May at 1035 hours, two Israeli planes flew over Kfar Chouba, Khiam, and Marjayoun, thereby breaking the sound barrier;

On 6 May, at 1310 hours, two Israeli planes flew over Kfar Chouba and Hasbaya, thereby breaking the sound barrier;

On 7 May, at 2130 hours, 15 flare-bombs were dropped south of the village of Cheba'a;

On 9 May, at 0010 hours, five explosive charges were dropped south of Aita el-Chaab and, at 1405 hours, two Israeli planes flew over the Nabatiyeh refugee camp;

On 11 May, an Israeli patrol crossed the Lebanese frontier and kidnapped Mr. Husni Zahra. At 0230 hours, an Israeli warship entered Lebanese territorial waters and withdrew only after Lebanese forces opened fire. Around 2120 hours, the Israelis fired their automatic weapons on the suburbs of Alma el-Chaab;

On 12 May, at 0030 hours, Israeli troops entered the village of Aita el-Chaab and kidnapped Mr. Hussein Srour and Mr. Abbas Srour;

At 0015 hours, Israeli forces attacked Bint Jbeil, blew up a coffee-house and broke into some homes. They kidnapped Dr. Ahmed Murad and Mr. Fuad Bazzi, and held Mr. Hassan Samarray for some time;

At 0300 hours, other Israeli forces attacked Yarin and kidnapped a woman, whom they returned the following day;

On 13 May, at 2330 hours, an Israeli force entered Aitroun and kidnapped four persons. They broke into two homes and held a man captive for 90 minutes;

On 14 May, at 0020 hours, Israeli forces attacked Aita el-Chaab and broke into three homes.

The Lebanese Government strongly protests against these condemnable acts and raids, which constitute a serious infringement of Lebanon's sovereignty and a flagrant violation of the Lebanese-Israeli Armistice Agreement of 1949.

At a time when efforts are being deployed for a peaceful solution to the problem of the Middle East, Israel's actions are of such a nature as to undermine these efforts and to disturb the stability of the region.

As in the past, the Lebanese Government calls upon the Security Council to take cognizance of these acts, which are counter to its resolutions warning Israel against their repetition. Should Israel persist in its defiance of the Council's warnings, Lebanon will have no choice but to seek from the Council the needed measures which will give effect to its decisions.

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) Edouard GHORRA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
