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LETTER DATED 18 AUGUST 1974 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GREECE
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Government of Turkey officially announced acceptance of the cease-fire in Cyprus called by Security Council resolutions 353 (1974), 354 (1974), 355 (1974), 357 (1974), 358 (1974) and 359 (1974). The cease-fire was to be effective at 1200 Cyprus time, Friday, 16 August 1974. The Government of Cyprus accepted this cease-fire by an official announcement of its Acting President, Mr. G. Clerides. In the course of 27 days it was the third time the Turkish Government was accepting a cease-fire called by the Security Council, only to violate it. In spite of the fact that this last Turkish announcement was accompanied by a declaration of the Turkish Prime Minister according to which "all Turkish military goals on the island have already been achieved", new fighting erupted today and new Turkish advances are reported in the island.

In view of this chronic situation, I thought it advisable to procure the Council, through Your Excellency, with a compound list of Turkish violations since the first cease-fire was accepted by the Turkish Government, effective 22 July, at 1400 hours Greenwich time, two days after the Security Council called for it:

Violations after the cease-fire of 22 July 1974

22 July: At 4.45 p.m. LT, units of the Greek contingent were fired at in Chati by Turkish jets.

At 4.45 p.m. LT, units of the Greek contingent were fired at at the Trahona (Nicosia) by Turkish aircraft.

At 4.45 p.m. LT, a unit of artillery was fired at by Turkish naval forces guns.

At 4.45 p.m. LT, a Turkish squadron pounded with rockets units of the Greek contingent in the region of Agios Ilarion and to the south-east of the above location.

At 4.50 p.m. LT, the airport of Nicosia was bombed. At the same time, strafing at the castle of Kyrenia, shooting on the heights of Aetopholia, firing at the enclave of Tsati were reported.

- 23 July: At 7.10 a.m. LT, a Turkish unit attacked with mortar shelling and flat trajectory arms and occupied two Greek outposts east of Trachona. After this occupation was completed, the same Turkish unit concentrated all the women and children of the Trachona region, obliged them to walk in front of it as a protective screen and advanced in this way towards the interior of the Greek positions.
- At 10.16 p.m. LT, the village of Aglangia, near Nicosia, was fired at by Turkish jets.
- At 10.16 p.m. LT, the location of "Aetofolia-Masseri" was attacked while the hill of "Aspros" was fired at by flat trajectory weapons and mortars.
- At 10.16 p.m. LT, units of the Greek contingent were fired at on the green line in the locations of "Pyles" near Paphos and "Trachonas" near Nicosia.
- At 10.16 p.m. LT, a unit of the National Guard in Trachona, after having been violently fired at by the Turks, was obliged to retreat.
- At 10.16 p.m. LT, the Turkish air forces bombed and strafed some locations situated between "Gerolakkos" and "Aghios Vassilios" in Nicosia.
- At 10.17 p.m. LT, Nicosia airport was bombed.
- At 10.17 p.m. LT, units of the Greek contingent were fired at by flat trajectory weapons in the village "Tsatsos" while they were simultaneously being strafed by the Turkish air forces.
- At 10.17 p.m. local time, Kyrenia Castle was fired at by flat trajectory weapons and mortars.
- At 10.17 p.m. LT, Turkish jets strafed the airport of Timbou.
- At 10.17 p.m. LT, the attack against "Trachonas-Kaimakli", directed from a Turkish enclave still continues.
- At 10.17 p.m. LT, Turkish air forces strafed the village of "Kato Pyrgos" at Morphou.
- At 10.18 p.m. LT, infantry units and tanks attacked the town of "Dikomoni".
- At 10.18 p.m. LT, Turkish jets strafed the route in Famagusta near the village "Exo Metochi".
- At 10.18 p.m. LT, the Turks seized Trachonas' church and raised the Turkish flag.
- At 10.19 p.m. LT, units of the Greek contingent were attacked by Turkish infantry.

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24 July: During the night of 23/24 July the Greek Embassy in Nicosia was again shelled by Turkish mortars. As a result of that, a part of the roof of the Embassy has fallen in.

At 5.00 p.m. LT, 11 Turkish vessels were situated two miles north of the port of Kyrenia. Later in the afternoon these vessels disembarked military personnel and equipment in Kyrenia.

At 5.12 p.m. LT, five additional Turkish vessels disembarked military personnel and equipment in Kyrenia.

25 July: At 7.00 a.m. LT, a Turkish attack was launched against units of the National Guard in the industrial zone, Mia Milia.

At 7.05 a.m. LT, a Turkish attack was launched against a Greek outpost by mortars and machine-guns.

At 7.15 a.m. LT, a Turkish attack was launched against Greek outposts at Kaimakli, near the UNFICYP club.

At 7.30 a.m. LT, Turkish units attacked the outposts of Kaimakli and Vorios Polos and simultaneously fired at Mia Milia and Koutsorenti near Aghios Pavlos.

At 8.30 a.m. LT, a Turkish attack was launched against Phylakes and Omorfita by mortars, machine-guns and other weapons.

At 11.40 a.m. LT, Turkish tanks were moving on the Gerolakkos-Nicosia route, were firing at and returning to their positions.

At 12.40 p.m. LT, a Turkish unit advanced and established new positions in the Ermou Street (green line in Nicosia) near the crossing of Ledras Street.

At 1.15 p.m. LT, a Turkish unit occupied the Kornaros Hotel and established a watch tower, which was previously employed by the UNFICYP forces.

At 2.00 p.m. LT, armed Turkish Cypriots from the village of Lourougina occupied a hill which was previously held by the UNFICYP forces.

At 4.00 p.m. LT, a Greek outpost was fired at with mortars and machine-guns by the Turks.

At 4.10 p.m. LT, Turkish forces coming from Lygechari and Vouno attacked a unit of the Greek contingent at the village of Koutroventi.

At 5.00 p.m. LT, the general staff of the National Guard protested because eight tanks and six or seven armoured vehicles were arrayed before Kionelli against the Greek contingent and it asked for the UNFICYP force to intervene in order to avoid a possible conflict.

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In the morning, 10 vessels were heading towards the port of Kyrenia and, around noon, were very close to the coast of Cyprus.

In the morning, a Turkish convoy of 20 vessels was heading from Mersin (Turkey) towards Cyprus.

26 July: At 3.40 a.m. LT, Turkish artillery units were shelling for about half an hour two Greek outposts of the Aghios Ermolaos region.

At 5.30 a.m. LT, Turkish ground forces attacked the above-mentioned two outposts and occupied them.

Seven Turkish tanks were used for this attack. Following this action, the Turkish forces advanced towards the villages Aghios Ermolaos and Kontemenos.

At 6.15 a.m. LT, seven Turkish tanks were attacking an outpost of the National Guard at Aghios Ermolaos.

At 6.30 a.m. LT, Turkish forces seized the villages Aghios Ermolaos and Kalpaxi and attacked the village of Scylloura and the Aghios Pavlos pass.

At 8.45 a.m. LT, the "Bouravento" height was attacked by Turkish forces.

At 9.00 a.m. LT, a Turkish battalion and five tanks were moving from Aghios Ermolaos to Sisklipos.

At 9.10 a.m. LT, an intense Turkish firing from positions of Boufavento.

At 10.30 a.m. LT, Turkish forces attacked the village of Sisklipos.

At 1.30 p.m. LT, Turkish forces using mortars, tanks and artillery were firing against the Aghios Pavlos pass.

At 5.15 p.m. LT, three Turkish tanks moved from the village Aghios Ermolaos towards Larnaka of Lapithos.

At 5.15 p.m. LT, eight Turkish tanks and one infantry company advanced from Sisklipos towards Larnaka of Lapithos.

At 8.00 p.m. Turkish forces attacked Nicosia's airport in an effort to seize it.

27 July: At 7.10 p.m. LT, Turkish units started firing from the village of "Vouno" against the National Guard units stationed at the heights of "Koutsoventi". Turkish forces used mortars, flat projectory guns and the guns of their tanks for the above attack. At the same time Turkish ground units were moving towards "Koutsoventi".

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28 July: At 8.30 a.m. LT, 30 helicopters coming from Turkey landed north-west of the village Kionelli in the enclave of Nicosia-Kyrenia.

At 10.55 a.m. LT, Turkish infantry units and tanks attacked and seized the village of Sisklipos.

At 12.50 p.m. LT, 14 helicopters transported reinforcements from "Agyrta" to the interior of the Turkish enclave.

29 July: At 1.45 a.m. LT, the villages of Ermolaos and Sisklipos were attacked with mortars. At the same time, 10 ships were disembarking military personnel at Kyrenia port.

At 8.00 a.m. a group of 15 helicopters and another of 10 landed in Agyrta's enclave. A number of tanks were observed moving from Kyrenia to Karavas where a unit of the National Guard was stationed.

At 8.40 a.m. LT, a Turkish armoured vehicle bearing United Nations ensigns was observed moving from Larnaca to Aghios Pavlos pass.

At 9.50 a.m. LT, the village of Aghios Ermolaos, which the Turks had abandoned the previous evening, was reoccupied by them. Eight tanks participated in the attack.

At 10.00 a.m. LT, four of the above tanks continued their advance towards Sisklipos. Seven vehicles transporting military personnel were heading to the "Gomaritsa" heights.

At 11.00 a.m. LT, 14 Turkish helicopters landed in Nicosia enclave, south of the "Agyrtas" village.

At 12.53 p.m. LT, Turkish vessels were observed disembarking artillery units eight kilometres west of Kyrenia.

At 3.00 p.m. LT, Turkish forces fired with mortars and shelled with artillery against the heights of "Sisklipos".

At 3.15 p.m. LT, Turkish forces stationed in Louroutzina fired with infantry arms against the region and the village of Lymbia.

At 4.30 p.m. LT, the region of Klepini and Pachiamnos as well as the village of Aghios Epiktitos were attacked with artillery, mortars and tanks from Kafazani and Bufavento. The region was shelled also by Turkish naval units.

At 6.00 p.m. LT, Turkish troops supported by tanks attacked a National Guard unit, north of the village of Aghios Epiktitos.

At 6.30 p.m. LT, Turkish vessels continued disembarking material, vehicles and arms in the region of Karavas.

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At 6.45 p.m. Turkish troops supported by tanks attacked Greek-Cypriot units in the region of Aghios Georgios (Aghios Epiktitos area).

30 July: At 2.08 p.m. LT, a Turkish detachment of infantry and tanks moved from Aghios Pavlos along the mountain crest of Western Pentadaktylos and arrived in front of height 1023.

At 1.30 p.m. LT, Turkish units attacked National Guard units at the height "Lakkos-Assias".

At 4.00 p.m. LT, one Turkish infantry company with three tanks was attacking Hill 1023.

Violations after the Geneva Declaration of 30 July 1974

31 July: At 9.00 a.m. LT, a Turkish company moved towards the guardposts of the National Guard in Nicosia along the green line.

At 10.25 a.m. LT, Turkish troops opened fire against the guardpost of the National Guard in Nicosia, along the green line.

At 10.45 a.m. LT, a Turkish infantry unit was moving from Aghios Pavlos pass heading towards the village of Karavas.

At 11.00 a.m. LT, Turkish troops attacked the villages of Lapithos and Karavas. They also attacked the villages of Aghios Ermolaos and Skylloura.

At 11.30 a.m. LT, Turkish troops were reported continuing their attack against Greek-Cypriot forces at the area of the villages of Lapithos and Karavas. Other Turkish forces attacked Greek units at the area between the village of Sisklipos and the village of Agridaki.

At 4.50 p.m. LT, Turkish forces were shelling with artillery and mortars against National Guard positions in Agridaki and at the cliff of Assia.

At 9.00 p.m. LT, Turkish units advanced to a distance of 70 metres from the ELDYK outpost.

1 August: At 9.45 a.m. LT, Turkish units using mortars and machine-guns opened fire against Greek positions at the Agridaki heights.

At 12.45 a.m. LT, a Turkish company supported by tanks and using mortars attacked the village of Agridaki, as well as Hill 1023 again and occupied the Lakkos-Assa Heights.

2 August: At 9.50 a.m. LT, Turkish military personnel moved with bulldozers towards the National Guard outpost and started to build up battle positions on the Greek sector side of the green line.

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3 August: At 6.00 a.m. LT, three Turkish vessels were disembarking personnel and equipment belonging to the second division sent to Cyprus by Turkey.

4 August: At 10.55 a.m. LT, Turkish forces stationed in "Kefalo-vryson" have attacked with infantry arms and mortars the hill "Kornus".

Local United Nations troops at "Bella-pais" were forced by Turkish troops to withdraw from the village.

At 9.20 p.m. LT, the positions of the National Guard east of the village "Aghios Epiktitos" were fired at and shelled with machine-guns and mortars.

6 August: Turkish units continued their attack and pressure towards the villages "Lapithos" and "Karavas". Infantry and tanks participated in this action.

The Turkish forces, after having extended the landing corridor of the "Agyrta-Krini" airport, started on that date macadamizing it.

Turkish military personnel was at the same time working for the construction for another military airport in the region of Kyrenia.

At 10.50 a.m. LT, units of the National Guard stationed in Agridaki were attacked by Turkish mortars and machine-gun fire.

At 10.25 a.m. LT, Turkish units attacked with concentrate fire of mortars and machine-guns against National Guard position at the height "Kornus". It is to be noted that "Kornus" height is placed to the west of the cease-fire line traced by the mixed Military Committee on 4 August.

7 August: At 10.00 a.m. LT, Turkish forces attacked, with mortars, units of the National Guard at "Vassilia" and at the "Panagra" pass west of Kyrenia.

At 10.00 a.m. LT, a Turkish unit advanced towards "Gerolakkos".

At 10.55 a.m. LT, Turkish forces attacked, with mortars, locations "Agridaki" and "Mazari".

At 2.05 p.m. LT, Turkish forces attacked with mortars and machine-guns units of the National Guard at the Agridaki height.

At 3.45 p.m. LT, Turkish forces continue their attacks with mortars against the village of Agridaki and the region around it.

At 11.45 p.m. LT, a unit of the National Guard stationed at the Panagra pass was shelled from a Turkish destroyer.

8 August: Thirty-seven Turkish helicopters landed in southern Agyrta coming from Turkey this afternoon, in groups as follows:

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15.05 - 15 helicopters
15.40 - 8 helicopters
15.50 - 2 helicopters
17.30 - 12 helicopters

At 10.20 a.m. LT, Turkish forces opened fire with mortars and machine-guns against units of the National Guard stationed at the Arnagales height.

At 11.30 a.m. LT, Turkish forces opened fire with machine-guns and grenades against outposts of the National Guard near the green line in Nicosia.

At 11.30 a.m. LT, Turkish forces attacked with bazooka projectiles an outpost of the National Guard on the green line in Nicosia.

At 11.00 p.m. LT, sporadic mortar and machine-gun fire from Turkish units against National Guard units stationed in the villages of Bassilia and Vavyla west of Kyrenia.

9 August: At 1.30 a.m. LT, machine-gun fire from Turkish positions against seven National Guard outposts at the green line in Omorfita (Nicosia).

From 10 to 13 August: Relative calm in the line of confrontation due to the second round of Geneva Conference.

14 August: At 5.00 a.m. LT, Turkish jets start a large scale bombardment of Nicosia, Nicosia airport, asylum, hospital, radio station, etc.

At the same time Turkish guns start heavy shelling of the Greek-Cypriot positions and ground troops launch a general attack.

From 9.30 a.m. till 12.30 p.m. LT, the above attacks become general in Nicosia, in the area of Mia Milia, in Gerolakkos. Turkish naval units continued the blockade of the island from the gulf of Morphou to the cape of Aghios Andreas.

At 2.00 p.m. LT, Turkish air force bombed the city and the suburbs of Famagusta. All above bombardments caused numerous civilian victims.

2.00-4.00 p.m. LT, Turkish attacks were launched with infantry and tanks in Tsati, Aghios Pavlos of Nicosia and in the region of Gerolakkos and Aghios Vassilios.

At 2.55 p.m. LT, further attacks were launched against Aghios Epiktitos, Pachyamnos and Aghios Amvrosios. The attacks were supported by shelling from naval units and bombing from aircraft.

15 August: During this day the Turkish armed forces continued their general attack and advance towards Famagusta. Tanks and troops entered and occupied the villages of Aghios Vassilios, Skylloura and Kandemenos.

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16 August: Turkish armed forces started again their general attack as of the morning of this day and advanced parallel to the line: camp of the Greek contingent - Gerolakkos - Mamari - Aghia Marina - Skylloura - Kalon Chorion Kapoutiou - Diorios - Myrtou. They also occupied part of Nicosia including the Hippodrome. At the eastern sector units of motorized infantry and tanks attacked and moved from the village Tymbos towards the village "Pyroi".

At 6.00 p.m. LT, Turkish forces continued their general attack, supported by airplanes, artillery and other heavy weapons and moved on through the areas of Kondemenos - Myrtou - Morphou - Skylloura - Filia - Kato Rodia and Limmitis.

At 6.15 p.m. LT, Turkish forces supported by artillery and other heavy weapons attacked and tried to occupy the camp of the Greek contingent near Nicosia.

At 6.30 p.m. LT, Turkish forces tried to cut off the road leading from Nicosia to Larnaca.

Turkish violations after the announcement of the decision for a cease-fire taken by the Turkish Government itself

17 August: At dawn a new Turkish attack was launched in Aghios Pavlos west of Nicosia.

At 4.45 a.m. LT, outposts No. 1065 and 1088 on the green line were fired at by flat trajectory weapons.

At 5.20 a.m. LT, Greek-Cypriot positions at the Loutron and Xerovouno were fired at by flat trajectory weapons.

At 5.35 a.m. LT, the village of Athienos was attacked with mortars and light weapons.

At 6.25 a.m. LT, outposts at the region of Aghios Pavlos were fired at with light weapons.

At 8.10 a.m. LT, the village of Pyroi was attacked with infantry and armoured vehicles.

At 11.00 a.m. LT, the village of Pyroi was attacked once again with mortars and artillery.

At 11.30 a.m. LT, the village of Athienos was occupied by Turkish forces.

At 11.30 a.m. LT, Turkish forces were attacking the village of Galini.

At 12.30 p.m. LT, the village of Pyroi was attacked for a third time.

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At 2.00 p.m. Turkish forces, supported by tanks and artillery attacked the village of Troulloi and the Asprovounaro Heights.

At 3.00 p.m. LT, Turkish tanks and infantry units were moving against the village of Avlona.

At 3.00 p.m. LT, the village of Peristerona was attacked by Turkish forces supported by tanks.

18 August: At 6.15 a.m. LT, a Turkish force with tanks moved from the village of Pyroi towards the enclave of Lourougina.

At 9.15 a.m. LT, a unit of infantry supported by flat trajectory weapons fire moved towards the village of Denia.

Turkish forces using tanks and artillery advanced from Pyroi towards the village of Potamia with the intention to unite forces with the enclave of Lourougina and occupy the village of Dali. When this happens communications between Nicosia and Larnaka will be cut off.

The above list of violations is giving, I believe, the exact measurement of Turkey's credibility and trustworthiness. In the view of my Government this measurement must be taken into account in any future effort or action.

I would be grateful to Your Excellency if you have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Denis CARAYANNIS
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to the United Nations
