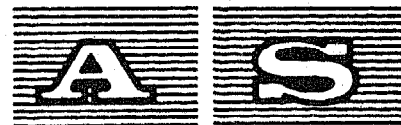


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Letter dated 19 November 1973 from the Permanent Representative of
the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

Pursuant to our letters (A/9272-S/11067 and A/9301-S/11094) concerning Israel's violations of Security Council resolutions 338 (1973) and 339 (1973), I have the honour, upon instructions from my Government, to draw your Excellency's attention to the following additional violations of the cease-fire committed by Israel:

1. On 25 and 26 October, Israeli armed forces occupied new positions situated beyond the positions they occupied on 22 October 1973, thus violating Security Council resolutions 338 (1973) and 339 (1973).
2. On 29 and 30 October, Israeli armed forces advanced and opened fire against Syrian positions.
3. On 4 November, Israeli forces occupied new positions in three stages and fortified these newly occupied positions.
4. On 5 November, Israeli forces opened machine-gun fire against Syrian positions in the Saasa sector.
5. On 6 November, an Israeli air formation overflew Syrian positions in the Rasm Alheyran sector. On the same day, another Israeli air formation overflew Syrian positions situated north of the village of Saasa.
6. On 7 November, Israeli armed forces occupied two new positions and fortified them. On this date, Israeli forces opened fire, using different arms, against several Syrian positions.
7. On 9 and 10 November, Israeli forces occupied new positions, which they soon fortified.

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I should like to draw your Excellency's attention to the fact that all these acts by Israeli forces constitute a flagrant violation of Security Council resolutions 338 (1973) and 339 (1973). Moreover, these violations have taken place in the presence of United Nations observers. The Chief of Staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine has already been seized of the complaints filed in this respect.

I respectfully request that the text of this letter be circulated as an official document of both the General Assembly and the Security Council.

(Signed) Haissam KELANI
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Permanent Representative of the
Syrian Arab Republic
to the United Nations
