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Letter dated 21 December 1973 from the Permanent Representative of  
Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Pursuant to my letters concerning Israeli 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 recent violations of the cease-fire committed by Israel during the period from 16 to 19 December 1973:

On 16 December 1973:

1. At 0815 hours local time, Israeli forces began opening small-arms fire against Egyptian forces.
2. At 1030 hours local time, Israeli forces advanced a jeep vehicle in front of our forces at the position south of Wadi Bou Hessah west of the Suez Canal. Soon after, the Israeli forces opened fire on our forces under the cover of which they undertook technical constructions in that area.

On 17 December 1973:

1. Between 1215 hours and 1300 hours local time, the Israeli forces opened fire, from the position 96 east of the Canal, using 81 mm mortars and half-inch machine-guns.
2. At 1325 hours local time, the Israeli forces opened fire on Egyptian forces in the area east of El Manaief Canal (3 kms south-east of the upper bridge) using artillery, tank guns and small arms.

On 18 December 1973:

1. Between 1244 hours and 1249 hours local time, Israeli forces' jet aircraft violated Egyptian air space in the area from south of the Bitter Lakes to south of Soukhna.

2. At 1100 hours local time, Israeli forces opened fire on our forces towards the position 415 south-west of the port of Adabieh.
3. Between 1415 and 1430 hours local time, Israeli forces shelled our forces in the area south-east of Gabal Almashash El Gafra and the area south of Gabal Almashash El Hawasegh (west of the Suez Canal).
4. At 1245 hours local time, the Israeli forces opened fire on our forces in the area 5 kms north of Abou Sweir (west of the Suez Canal).
5. At 1515 hours local time, the Israeli forces opened fire on our forces in the area west of Aubid Station (west of the Suez Canal).
6. At 1535 hours local time, the Israeli forces opened fire on our forces east of Nefesha.
7. At 1130 hours local time, the Israeli forces opened fire on our forces at position 221 in the area South Wadi El Garrah (west of the Suez Canal).
8. At 1230 hours local time, the Israeli forces opened fire on our forces in the area of kilometre 105 on the Cairo Suez road.

On 19 December 1973:

1. At 0908 hours local time, the Israeli forces opened fire on our forces for a period of 18 minutes in the area south of Wadi El Garrah (west of the Suez Canal) and in Gabal Attaka, using machine-guns and mortars.
2. Between 1231 and 1250 hours local time, the Israeli forces' jet aircraft violated Egyptian air space from El Soukhna to Suez and 4 kms in depth west of the Gulf of Suez.

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

(Signed) A. Esmat ABDEL MEGUID  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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