

destroyed or desecrated. Thus the churches of Saint George in the occupied part of Nicosia and Saint Demetrios at Kaimakli, after being looted, were set afire. The church of Saint Andrew at Panagra, after pillage, was turned into a cattle stable and sheep pen. The Saint Saviour church at Lefkoniko, following theft of all its contents, was converted to a store,

whilst the churches of Panayia Glykiotissa at Lapithos, Saint George at Trikomo, Archangel Michael at Lefkoniko and Saint Nicolas at Limnia, after being plundered, are used as mosques in disrespectful contempt of the great Moslem religion which strongly condemns and prohibits theft and sacrilege.

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Letter dated 9 December 1974 from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General

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On instructions of my Government and further to my letters of 2 and 3 December 1974 [S/11566 and S/11567] regarding the continuation of PLO terrorist attacks from Lebanese territory against civilians in Israel, I wish to draw your attention to another such attack.

On the morning of 6 December, PLO terror agents, who had crossed into Israel from Lebanon, stole into Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra and, in the encounter that ensued, two Israeli civilians were wounded and one terrorist was killed.

Within hours of the attack, the PLO spokesman in Beirut issued a statement confirming that murder organization's responsibility for the attack.

I should like to stress again that it is evident that the recent General Assembly resolutions which yielded to the demands of PLO have encouraged the campaign of murder assaults on innocent Israeli civilians.

Israel has taken and will continue to take appropriate measures to defend its citizens against terror attacks. The Government of Lebanon, which harbours the murder bands and grants them freedom of action on and from its territory, must continue to bear full responsibility for the consequences of this situation.

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

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Letter dated 12 December 1974 from the representative of Israel to the Secretary-General

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On instructions of my Government and further to my previous letters concerning the murder campaign carried on by the PLO against civilians in Israel, I have to draw your attention to the outrage perpetrated by PLO yesterday, 11 December 1974, in Tel Aviv.

Last night a PLO terror agent threw grenades from the balcony of a Tel Aviv cinema theatre into the audience, killing 2 persons and injuring close to 60 others.

The two innocent civilians killed in this latest murder attack were a British engineer working in Israel and an Israeli woman.

The terrorist had arrived in Israel on the same day, on a TWA flight. He carried a forged British passport in the name of "Alexander Adam Hooper", indicating Ghana as his place of birth and Turkey as his state of residence. According to the pro-PLO Beirut daily *Al-Moharrer* of 12 December, the terrorist with the fake British passport was an Arab.

The murderer was himself killed when, due to a malfunction of the detonating mechanism, the last grenade he was about to set off exploded in his hand.

Shortly after this atrocity, PLO issued communiqués in Beirut and other Arab capitals announcing its responsibility for the savage attack. This morning a statement by Yasser Arafat was published in Beirut, confirming the responsibility of PLO.

As is well known, the headquarters of PLO, its command posts, training camps, operational bases and other installations are located in Lebanon. The Government of Lebanon thus permits the existence on its territory of a PLO murder régime, which continues to perpetrate savage atrocities against the civilian population of Israel. The Government of Lebanon and other Arab States which support PLO bear, therefore, responsibility for these bloodthirsty crimes against the citizens of Israel and other civilian victims.

Last evening's outrage demonstrates once more how the recent General Assembly resolutions, which had

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