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OF LEBANON TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following:

At 10.00 a.m. on 2 September 1971, an Israeli armed force penetrated five kilometres into Lebanese territory in the direction of the village of Kfar Hamam in the southeastern part of Lebanon.

At the same time, Israeli artillery shelled the areas surrounding the villages of Kfar Hamam and Rashaya Al-Fakhar for fifteen minutes from points beyond the Lebanese borders. The Israeli force withdrew at 17.30 p.m.

From 13.30 p.m. to 17.30 p.m., the Israeli artillery renewed its shelling of the same areas and Israeli forces took two Lebanese civilians from Kfar Hamam captive. Six houses were destroyed and extensive damage was incurred upon the crops.

This unprovoked and wanton attack is but another in a continuing series of acts of aggression committed by Israel against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon. It constitutes a flagrant violation of the Lebanon-Israel Armistice Agreement, of the various Security Council resolutions, and of international law and morality.

The Lebanese Government strongly protests against this new malicious act of aggression and reminds the Security Council that its warnings to Israel against repetition of such acts are constantly flouted by the Israeli Government.

I respectfully request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Edouard GHORRA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative