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LETTER DATED 17 MARCH 1970 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE 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:

1. Between the hours 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. of Monday, 16 March 1970, Israeli artillery shelled the heights situated between Rachayya-Al-Fakhar and Kafrahmam. One house and agricultural fields were damaged.

2. Between the hours 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. of today, Tuesday, 17 March 1970, Israeli forces shelled with mortar the villages of Blida, Maiss-Al-Jabal and Aitaroun, situated in southern Lebanon. One civilian was killed, six others were wounded and five houses extensively damaged.

These new premeditated acts of Israeli aggression fall within the established pattern which Israel has set in motion against Lebanon and her civilian population for several months now, aiming at disrupting the peaceful life of the Lebanese population and at deliberately and steadily extending the area of conflict.

These acts constitute further a flagrant violation of the Lebanon-Israel Armistice Agreement and a breach of international law and morality.

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

(Signed) Edouard GHORRA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative