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LETTER DATED 5 FEBRUARY 1971 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF LEBANON
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to my letter to you dated 15 January 1971 (S/10078), and upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following:

1. After midnight, Monday, 1 February 1971, an Israeli patrol crossed the Lebanese border to the village of Al-Khyam and opened fire on the village.
2. At the same time, another Israeli patrol crossed the border to the village of Kafr-Kala. It blew up two houses and abducted to the Israeli territory two civilians, who were released the following day.

Units of the Lebanese army engaged the Israeli forces and forced them to withdraw.

This new Israeli act of aggression constitutes another premeditated encroachment upon the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon in violation of the Lebanon-Israel Armistice Agreement and in defiance of the United Nations Charter, the Security Council resolutions, and international law.

By her provocative actions, Israel is bent on a policy aimed at constantly disturbing the peace and security of Lebanon and at maintaining a state of turbulence and terror in the Middle East.

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

(Signed) Edouard GHORRA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
