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LETTER DATED 8 FEBRUARY 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your urgent attention the following series of acts of hostility carried out today, 8 February 1968 from Jordanian territory.

At 1200 hours, local time, a trailer platform drawn by a tractor struck a mine planted on a road 500 metres south of the village of Ashdot Yaakov. The village is situated in the Jordan Valley at a distance of one kilometre from Jordanian territory. As a result of the explosion, two Israeli civilians were killed and two wounded.

At 1258 hours, Jordanian military forces opened fire on Israeli forces at a point eleven kilometres north of the Damya Bridge. The Israeli forces returned fire in self-defence. The exchange continued for approximately forty-five minutes. The Jordanians renewed their attack at 1345 hours, a few minutes after fire had ceased. The shooting stopped at approximately 1400 hours, but was resumed by the Jordanians at 1445 hours. This time they employed artillery, and at 1530 hours opened fire from tanks.

The Jordanians extended their attack to another area when, at 1745 hours, they opened fire from tanks on Israeli positions at Allenby Bridge. The bridge is situated far to the south of the Damya Bridge area where the first attack was launched.

The exchange of fire continued till 1815 hours. Israeli casualties were three killed and eleven wounded.

These were deliberate and unprovoked attacks. The Jordanians renewed fire several times after it had ceased and purposely extended the area of their aggressive action. The Jordanian authorities must be held responsible for these grave violations of the cease-fire.

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I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations
