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LETTER DATED 26 JANUARY 1970 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 12 January 1970 (S/9599) and on instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following:

On 25 January 1970, Israeli armed forces shelled the village of Eita El-Shaab, in southern Lebanon, with 120-mm mortar shells.

As a result of this shelling two Lebanese civilians were killed and one civilian and one soldier were wounded. Twelve houses and a tractor were damaged.

These repeated and premeditated murderous acts have created an intolerable situation for the Lebanese civilian population in southern Lebanon, disrupting their peaceful life and subjecting them to constant terror. Furthermore, they demonstrate Israel's well-calculated policy to foment disorder, to sustain and increase tension and systematically to widen the area of conflict, thus endangering further the peace of the Middle East. Such reckless policy based on arrogant military power is in defiance of international law and morality and of relevant United Nations resolutions. It lends support to the well-substantiated view that Israel is bent on thwarting all efforts deployed to promote peace and security in the Middle East. This new attack fits, as previous Israeli acts of aggression do, into the pattern of intensification of warfare deliberately pursued by Israel against Lebanon and other Arab States.

Israel seeks to find justifications for her criminal acts against Lebanon in the presence of Palestinian refugees on Lebanese soil. Members of the Security Council, as well as other Members of the United Nations, are fully aware that these refugees have been made homeless by Israel's unrelenting wars of aggression against the Arab people of Palestine and the Arab States.

Once more, the Government of Lebanon strongly protests this new Israeli attack against Lebanon.

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

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Edouard GHORRA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
