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LETTER DATED 27 FEBRUARY 1970 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions of my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to the continuation of aggression against Israel from Lebanese territory.

Israel has repeatedly emphasized Lebanon's responsibility for the scrupulous observance of the cease-fire by regular and irregular forces operating on Lebanese territory. The Government of Lebanon continues, however, to disregard its international obligations. It has failed, thus far, to return the Israeli civilian watchman abducted by raiders from Lebanon in an armed attack at Metulla on 1 January 1970. Moreover, firing, shelling and raids from Lebanese territory, directed primarily against Israeli civilians, have not ceased.

On 15 February at approximately 2140 hours local time an Israeli border police patrol was attacked by bazooka and small arms fire between Margalioth and Manara.

On 22 February at approximately 0200 hours the village of Alkosh, four km south of the Lebanese border, was attacked and a woman resident was killed by the explosion of a dynamite charge planted under her house. The woman was pregnant and the mother of six children. Three of them were in the house at the time of the explosion but escaped injury.

On 24 February at 2045 hours sabotage raids from Lebanese territory were foiled at Shtula and Zariit. In a search of the area two explosive bricks left behind by the saboteurs were uncovered and removed without causing injury or damage.

On 25 February at 0900 hours a group of civilian workmen north of Misgav Am was attacked with small arms fire opened from Lebanon.

On 25 February another sabotage raid was foiled when an explosive charge was uncovered near Kibbutz Hanita in the vicinity of the Lebanese border. It was removed without causing damage.

On 25 February at 2330 hours the area of Zariit was shelled by mortars stationed on Lebanese territory.

At the same time a saboteur squad tried to penetrate into Israel near Kibbutz Hanita but was hurled back by the village watchmen.

It will be recalled that Lebanon's Minister of Interior Kamal Jumblatt declared on 19 February 1970:

"The relations of Lebanon with the Fedayeen Organizations are close and intimate."

Today's Press and other media of information carry reports from Beirut confirming this close co-operation between the Lebanese authorities and the terror organizations and indicating, inter alia, that refugee camps in Lebanon remain under control of the terror organizations.

In my letter of 29 January 1970 to the President of the Security Council (S/9621) I pointed out the gravity of this situation. I must stress again Lebanon's duty to prevent its continuation and to comply faithfully with the cease-fire obligations.

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

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH
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to the United Nations
