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LETTER DATED 3 SEPTEMBER 1969 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF LEBANON
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following:

On Wednesday, 3 September 1969, at 11.52 a.m., units of the Israeli Air Force consisting of twelve Mystere and a number of Mirage jet planes raided the Arkoub area in southern Lebanon during twenty-five minutes using napalm bombs and machine-gun fire.

Amongst the villages attacked were the following: Rachaya Al-Fakhar, Al-Habarieh, El-Fardis and Kfarchouba.

At 1.00 p.m. six Israeli jet planes launched another attack on the same villages for fifteen minutes using napalm bombs. Two Lebanese civilians were seriously wounded as a result of this attack.

This new act of aggression by Israel comes only few days after the Security Council has unanimously condemned Israel for its premeditated air attack on 11 August on villages in southern Lebanon, and warned that such military acts cannot be tolerated and "that it would have to consider further and more effective steps as envisaged in the Charter to ensure against the repetition of such acts".

Israel has repeatedly and openly threatened Lebanon's territorial integrity particularly in the last two weeks. My delegation has in due course informed the President of the Security Council and the Secretary-General of these threats.

This latest act of aggression by Israel demonstrates again Israeli aggressive designs against Lebanon. It also constitutes a flagrant violation of the Armistice Agreement and an open defiance of the principles of the United Nations Charter and the resolutions of the Security Council.

I respectfully request that this letter be circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Yahya MAHMASSANI
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