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LETTER DATED 26 OCTOBER 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your urgent attention a new premeditated military aggression carried out by Israeli forces in the Suez Canal area.

Today, 26 October 1968 at 1650 hours local time, the Israeli forces launched an attack against the city of Port Tewfik using 216 mm. ground to ground rockets. These rockets were set up by the Israeli forces facing the Canal cities with the intention of shelling the populated centres in the Suez Canal area.

Our artillery was forced to return fire in order to repel this brutal aggression and to protect the civilian population exposed to the Israeli attack.

These acts of aggression have resulted in the loss of human lives, damage to property and destruction of houses.

Our authorities are at present conducting a detailed determination of casualties and an assessment of the damage caused to installations, houses and property.

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

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Abdullah EL-ERIAN
For Mohamed Awad EL KONY
Permanent Representative of
the United Arab Republic
to the United Nations