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LETTER DATED 2 DECEMBER 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF JORDAN
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to Your Excellency's attention the latest grave Israeli premeditated attacks on Jordan in direct violation of the cease-fire resolution and the Armistice Agreement.

Yesterday, 1 December 1968, Israeli armed forces embarked on a concerted attack using machine guns, tanks, artillery and military aircraft against centres of civilian population in the northern part of the Jordan Valley. Simultaneously they attacked, deep inside Jordan territory, in the south, aiming at means of communication and civilians in utter disregard for the Armistice Agreement.

At 21.30 hours local time, Israeli military aircraft penetrated deep inside Jordanian territory and bombed a convoy of civilian trucks on the main highway near Al-Hasa area between Amman and the port of Aqaba. As a result of this attack, six Saudi Arabian civilian trucks were destroyed, two Saudi Arabian civilians killed and three others injured. A fourth civilian, a Jordanian, was wounded.

Immediately thereafter Israeli armed units landed, in the same area, from helicopters covered by Israeli jet-fighters. They proceeded to their targets and destroyed two bridges: one a highway bridge and the other the Hijazi railway bridge.

In the northern part of the Jordan Valley, the villages of Samma, Taibih, Shunah Shamiliyah, Manshiye and Al Baqurah were respectively shelled.

Moreover, the city of Irbid itself was subjected to heavy shelling for ten minutes. A child and a civilian were wounded and a house destroyed.

Again today 2 December 1968 at 01.05 hours local time, Israeli military aircraft bombed the area of Kufer Yoba in the north. Two soldiers were killed and one seriously injured.

The Israeli raid and attacks were followed by Israeli official statements openly admitting that regular Israeli military forces penetrated deep inside Jordan and committed those acts of aggression.

This took place at the time of the arrival of Ambassador Jarring to the area in pursuance of his mission. It is not the first time that the Israelis, deliberately and by vicious acts, undermine the efforts of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General.

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

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Muhammad H. EL-FARRA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
