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LETTER DATED 4 JUNE 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ISRAEL  
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letter to you of today (S/8614), I have the honour to inform you that since 1815 hours local time the Jordanian attacks have ceased and quiet prevails on the Israel-Jordan border.

It now transpires that in addition to Neve Ur, Gesher, Yardena, Beit Yosef and Ashdot Yaacov, the villages of Afikim and Menahamia were shelled by Jordanian artillery.

Today's attack by Jordan comes in the wake of a series of Jordanian acts of aggression which have increased in intensity in recent days.

On 25 May Jordanian artillery shelled the villages of Neve Ur and Tirat Zvi in the Beit Shean Valley.

On 26 May Jordanian artillery positions in the vicinity of the police station at Manshiya opened fire on the Neve Ur area. Later the Jordanians shelled Kibbutz Gesher and other inhabited localities in the Beit Shean area and the upper Jordan Valley. An Israeli vehicle was blown up by a mine near Abu Zutz. Two persons were wounded.

In the evening of 16 May an Israeli patrol encountered a marauder unit approximately 1.5 kilometres south of the village of Ashdot Yaacov. One marauder was captured while the others succeeded in crossing the Jordan River under cover of Jordanian artillery fire from the east bank.

On 27 May Jordanian artillery fired repeatedly on the areas of Gesher and Beit Yosef.

The same areas were attacked again on 28 May. The villages of Shaar Hagolan and Ashdot Yaacov and workers in the fields of Maoz Haim were also fired upon.

On 29 May an Israeli farmer was gravely wounded by a mine planted in the fields of Tel Katzir in the upper Jordan Valley. The areas of Shaar Hagolan and Ashdot Yaacov were shelled by Jordanian military positions.

In the morning of 30 May Jordanian fire was opened from the Manshiya area. In the evening the villages of Yardena and Kfar Ruppin were fired upon with mortars.

On 31 May an Israeli patrol clashed with a marauder unit north of the Damiya Bridge. Two marauders were killed. The band retreated under cover of fire from Jordanian military positions.

On 1 June the area of Yardena was repeatedly attacked by Jordanian positions on the east bank.

On 2 June the Jordanians directed their fire on the Beit Yosef area.

Yesterday, mortar shells were fired from Jordanian positions into the Kfar Ruppin and Moaz Haim areas.

Today's unprovoked attack, during which seven Israeli villages were assaulted by Jordanian artillery and three Israelis killed and six wounded, brings out the full gravity of the incessant Jordanian warfare pursued against Israel territory and Israel citizens in violation of the cease-fire.

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

Please accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH  
Permanent Representative of Israel  
to the United Nations

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