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LETTER DATED 12 MAY 1968 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF LEBANON ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

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

At midnight, on Saturday, 11 May 1968, heavy fire erupted in the Manara settlement on the Israeli side of the Lebanon-Israel Armistice Demarcation Lines. The Manara settlement is situated opposite the Lebanese village, Hula.

At 12.45 a.m. on Sunday, 12 May 1968, the Israelis shelled Hula continuously for fifteen minutes. They hit the village with fifty mortar shells killing one woman and injuring another woman and child; one house was demolished, many others heavily damaged and live stocks were destroyed.

This wanton attack by Israel is a premeditated act of aggression. It was unprovoked and had no justification whatsoever. It was committed after eight days of continued Israeli threats and open provocations against Lebanon.

On this occasion my Government ascertains that no cross-overs by the Fedayyin, in either direction across the Lebanon-Israel Armistice Demarcation Lines, have taken place.

On behalf of my Government, I wish to protest most emphatically against this naked Israeli aggression which is in flagrant violation of the Lebanon-Israel Armistice Agreement and in defiance of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

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

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Souheil CHAMMAS
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.