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LETTER DATED 21 AUGUST 1968 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF JORDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS 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 following:

On 16 August 1968, the Security Council adopted its unanimous resolution 256 (1968) which condemned both Israel massive air attacks on the Jordanian cities of Irbid and Es Salt, and warned Israel that if such attacks were to be repeated, the Council would duly take account of the failure to comply with the present resolution.

Only four days later and on 20 August at 0330 hours local time, the Israel forces opened fire on Jordanian centres of civilians in Wadi El-Yabis in the northern area of the Jordan Valley, using medium-range artillery. Israel shelling continued for fifteen minutes, causing the death of three civilians and the injury of twenty, some of whom seriously wounded.

I am instructed by my Government to bring this new violation of Security Council resolution 256 (1968) to Your Excellency's attention with the 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