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TELEGRAM DATED 15 JUNE 1967 FROM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Referring to your cable dated 15 June 1967, informing me of the resolution of the Security Council, regarding the treatment of the civilian population, and prisoners of war, I have the honour to inform you on behalf of the Government of the United Arab Republic that we fully conform to our obligations emanating from the Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war.

However, I would like to draw your attention to a most serious and grave situation resulting from the non-compliance of Israel and its forces with their obligations in accordance with the aforementioned Convention.

The United Arab Republic, since 10 June 1967, has unceasingly drawn the attention of the International Red Cross in Geneva, Nicosia and in Cairo to the use by Israel of napalm bombs and heavy artillery and tanks against hospitals, youth camps and schools.

Moreover, the United Arab Republic authorities have requested the Red Cross authorities to take the necessary measures to proceed to Sinai and other occupied territories to locate and render medical treatment and assistance to the victims of the Israeli aggression, but unfortunately the United Arab Republic Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva informed us today that the Red Cross authorities until now were unable to carry out their duties because of the attitude of the Israeli authorities in Sinai.

In view of the urgency of the situation and because of the necessity of exerting every effort to provide assistance and medical help to our nationals who are prisoners of war, I would be grateful if you can exercise your influence so that the Red Cross can fulfil its task.

In the meantime, I request you to convey this information to the Security Council and circulate my reply to Member States.

Please accept, etc.

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