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ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions of my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to further terror attacks against Israel perpetrated today from Lebanon.

This morning a bazooka shell was fired from Lebanese territory on a civilian bus travelling in the Hermon area.

Later two Israeli soldiers were wounded by the explosion of a mine planted in the same area by terror agents from Lebanon.

In successive letters addressed to you I have emphasized the Lebanese Government's grave responsibility for allowing Arab terror organizations to use its territory as a centre and a base for murderous operations against Israel. I have recalled that the largest concentration of terror squads exists in the south-eastern part of Lebanon which has come to be commonly known as Fatahland. It is from there that today's attacks emanated.

The terror organizations are in full control of this area, including the refugee camps located within it. This situation was described in detail in The New York Times of 18 June 1972 by the newspaper's correspondent reporting on a visit he had made to the region several days ago.

According to news agencies reports of 19 June the inhabitants of Hasbiya, a village in the aforesaid area, have demonstrated against the presence of the terror squads and have sent a delegation to the Lebanese Minister of Defence to demand that the terrorists be chased away.

A similar demand was voiced by Mr. Raymond Edde, a prominent political leader, in the Lebanese Parliament on 14 June.

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Israel reiterates its demand that the Government of Lebanon put an end to this lawless and dangerous situation and take effective measures to suppress the terror operations conducted against Israel from Lebanese territory.

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

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