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LETTER DATED 25 MAY 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SYRIA
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to draw the attention of the Security Council to the following repeated aggressive attacks by Israel on the Syrian borders and on the Armistice Demarcation Line, which were committed during the past two weeks:

1. On 13 May 1965, at approximately 1610 hours, Israeli armed forces, taking position at the approximate points of longitude - latitude 207.800 - 267.600 and 208.900 - 267.911 located in the Central Demilitarized Zone, opened fire using heavy armaments including guns and mortars and supported by tanks, on Syrian civilians who were working on their land with a tractor, at the approximate points of longitude - latitude 211.775 - 270.175 and 212.425 - 268.700 inside Syrian territory.

This military aggression resulted in the burning and heavy damaging of agricultural tractors. The attack lasted until 1637 hours and fire was not returned.

Syria has lodged an urgent complaint with ISMAC, which has interrogated a number of witnesses who were present at the time of the firing, and it was established that this Israeli attack was unprovoked and without justification and that the Syrian side did not retaliate but was contented with lodging an urgent complaint to ISMAC, and drawing its attention to the gravity of these aggressive attacks.

2. On 15 May 1965, at approximately 1025 hours, Israeli military elements, taking position at the approximate point longitude - latitude 207.535 - 259.325, opened fire using automatic weapons in the direction of Arab cultivators who were working within Syrian territory. Fire was not returned.

3. On 16 May 1965, at approximately 0740 hours, Israeli military elements, taking position at the approximate point longitude - latitude 207.475 - 259.225, opened fire using automatic weapons directed against Syrian territory. Fire was not returned.

4. On 17 May 1965, at approximately 0610 hours, Israeli military elements, taking position at the approximate point longitude - latitude 207.475 - 259.225, opened fire using automatic weapons directed against Syrian territory.

5. On 17 May 1965, at approximately 1310, 1325, 1645, 1647 and 1732 hours consecutively, Israeli military elements, taking position at the approximate points longitude - latitude 206.900 - 257.110 and 207.550 - 259.445 opened fire using automatic weapons directed against Arab cultivators who were working on their land in Syrian territory. Fire was returned.

6. On 18 May 1965, at approximately 0800 hours, Israeli military elements, taking position at the approximate point longitude - latitude 207.475 - 259.225, opened fire using automatic weapons directed against Syrian territory. Fire was returned.

7. On 18 May 1965, at approximately 0855, 0900, 0935, 1145, 1157, 1245, 1255, 1500, 1615, 1645, 1655 and 1700 hours consecutively, Israeli military elements, taking position at the approximate points longitude - latitude 207.725 - 258.710, 207.550 - 259.525 and 206.990 - 256.490, again opened fire using automatic weapons in the direction of Syrian territory. This Israeli military attack has caused the burning of crops on Arab land, killing three oxen and wounding one cow. Fire was returned and investigation was requested.

The above aggressive acts by Israel constitute a flagrant violation of the General Armistice Agreement and endanger security and stability in the area.

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

Accept, etc..

(Signed) Rafik ASHA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
