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Letter dated 2 June 1989 from the Permanent Representative
of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to call your attention to some fresh Israeli acts of aggression against Lebanese territory.

First: at 1900 hours Lebanese local time on the evening of yesterday, Wednesday, 31 May 1989, six Israeli Phantom warplanes carried out an air raid against the township of Yohmor in the Western Bekaa, outside the so-called "security zone".

Secondly: 10 minutes later, seven Israeli Phantom warplanes carried out an air raid against the areas of Salhiyeh and Kfar Jabra, situated on the northern edge of the so-called "security zone" at a distance of 10 kilometres to the east of the city of Sidon.

The two air raids caused serious material damage to buildings, set fire to property and crops and inflicted numerous human losses.

Thirdly: information has come from the so-called "security zone" that the Israeli forces are attempting to link the Israeli telephone network with the telephone network in certain Lebanese towns. This constitutes an alteration of the infrastructure of the occupied areas, in contravention of all international laws, and likewise represents a new kind of Israeli aggression against Lebanon.

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In condemning these Israeli acts of aggression in the strongest possible terms, the Lebanese Government calls attention anew to the fact that proof of Israel's hostile policy towards Lebanon has never been lacking. It is a constant policy and is the result of the absence of any deterrent that might curb Israel, oblige it to respect international laws and the Charter of the United Nations and compel it to implement Security Council resolutions, namely Council resolutions 425 (1978) and 426 (1978) and the relevant resolutions subsequent thereto, which require the cessation of military operations and practices and immediate, full and unconditional withdrawal from Lebanese territory.

The Lebanese Government reserves its right to call for a meeting of the Security Council at whatever time it might determine.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 37 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rachid FAHKOURY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
