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Letter dated 28 June 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to our letters concerning Israel's acts of aggression against Lebanon, and on instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

1. On 27 June 1984, the Israeli Air Force carried out two raids on the island of Aranib, six kilometres off Tripoli. These raids caused many casualties, killing 15 residents of a scout camp and wounding 30 others.

That same night, Israeli fighters bombed the aforementioned island and the area of the port of Tripoli in order to hinder rescue operations organized for the victims of the air raids.

2. As part of Israel's operations in southern Lebanon, western Bekaa and Rashayya, Israeli occupation forces laid siege to the village of Bidyas, Tyr district, at 9 a.m. on 27 June 1984. In that attack, they used 35 vehicles, including heavily armoured vehicles, half-tracks and other military vehicles. The occupation forces rounded up all the villagers between the ages of 13 and 50, and arrested 17 persons. They ordered the population to assemble in the village square and warned them that the siege of the village would continue until a number of villagers were delivered.

The Israeli occupation forces have also closed the ports of Sidon and Tyr to commercial traffic and the movement of passengers and fishermen, thus causing substantial losses to nearly 500 fishermen who have been unable to go about their

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business. In addition, following those measures, several vessels were immobilized and have had to delay unloading.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 36 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rachid FAKHOURY
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to the United Nations
