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Letter dated 27 December 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of  
the Permanent Mission of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, and further to our previous letters concerning the repeated Israeli attacks against the territory and people of Lebanon, I have the honour to inform you as follows:

1. On Tuesday, 26 December, at 2 a.m., Israeli troops supported by aircraft attacked the regions of Marj Az-Zouhour, Kfar Mochki and Rachaya, in western Bekaa. This attack was preceded by a severe artillery bombardment and then by the landing of an airborne force estimated at approximately 100 men in the Nabi Safa field. The outcome of this attack was two dead and four injured among the civilian population, and housing and property were damaged.

2. The same day, at 4.30 p.m., six aircraft of the Israeli air force attacked Rmalloh locality, south of Saïda, with bombs and 675-kg missiles, causing the destruction of a four-storey building and the death of eight persons, most of them workers in the health and social services, as well as 15 more or less severely injured.

The Lebanese Government vigorously condemns these new Israeli attacks against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon, and draws the attention of the international community to Israel's crimes against the Lebanese population, which constitute a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and of international law, as well as defiance of the most elementary principles of human rights. The Lebanese Government reserves the right to request the Security Council to consider the dangerous situation created by the repeated Israeli attacks against Lebanon and its population at the present delicate stage in their history.

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I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under the agenda item entitled "The situation in the Middle East", and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Chawky CHOUERI  
Ambassador  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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