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UNITED NATIONS PALESTINE COMMISSION

CABLEGRAM FROM MR. PERELSON
ACTING MAYOR OF TEL AVIV

The following cablegram has been received by the Secretary-General from Mr. Perelson, Acting Mayor of Tel Aviv.

"(THE FOLLOWING CABLE IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE DAILY CABLE BOOKS)

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ON THE NINTH FEBRUARY TROOPS BLEW UP ONE OF THE OLDEST
SYNAGOGUES IN TELAVIV ON A MERE UNJUSTIFIED ONESIDED ALLEGATION
WITHOUT PREVIOUSLY ELUCIDATING THE CASE WITH US. FOR NOW SEVENTY
DAYS TELAVIV HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO CONSTANT SNIPING BY ARABS
WITHOUT THE AUTHORITIES HAVING PREVENTED THIS. INSTEAD THE ARMY
HAS TAKEN TO BLOWING UP JEWISH HOUSES SERVING AS OUTPOST DEFENCES
ON OUTSKIRTS OF TELAVIV BARING WHOLE SECTIONS TO ARAB SNIPING.
THE BITTERNESS OF THE POPULATION OF TELAVIV IS REACHING ITS LIMITS
AND THE INFLUENCE OF THE HEADS OF THE COMMUNITY IN DEMANDING
CONTINUED RESTRAINT IS BEING SORELY TAXED. WE PROTEST AGAINST THIS
POLICY OF THE AUTHORITIES AIMED AT PARALYSING THE DEFENCES OF THE
JEWISH POPULATION THEREBY VIRTUALLY FRUSTRATING THE DECISIONS OF
UNO. WE ASK THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO STOP THIS IN TIME

PERELSON ACTING MAYOR"