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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 26 October 1988 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 provide you with the following information:

At 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 26 October 1988, the forces of the so-called "South Lebanon Army", which is supported by Israel, carried out long-range artillery bombardment for a period of three hours in preparation for a large-scale assault north and south of the Kfar Falous district, located 10 kilometres north-east of the city of Sidon. Battles with the Lebanese national resistance are still raging along the front, which stretches for several kilometres.

The attack follows Israel's summoning of massive military reinforcements - consisting of 1,500 soldiers supported by tanks and personnel carriers - from inside Israel to the so-called "security zone". That move provides a clear indication of Israel's intentions in preparing for the military operation, which may be to launch a broader campaign of aggression against southern Lebanon as a whole.

The Lebanese Government, in providing this preliminary information to the Secretary-General, affirms that the south of the country and the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) are threatened and that the time has come for urgent action to meet this threat. The threat cannot be eliminated except by exerting pressure on Israel urgently to halt its military operations and those of

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the so-called "South Lebanon Army", to comply with Security Council resolutions calling for Israel's immediate and complete withdrawal from Lebanese territory and to enable UNIFIL fully to perform the tasks which Israel has been obstructing for over 10 years.

I should be grateful if you would kindly arrange to transmit this information to the Security Council and to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 40, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Rachid FAKHOURY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
