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LETTER DATED 26 JULY 1982 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
JORDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward the enclosed messages on Israel's continuous aggression and violations of the cease-fire, in contravention of Security Council resolutions 508 and 509 (1982), which have brought more death and destruction.

At the request of the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization, I request that these messages addressed to Your Excellency from Chairman Yasser Arafat be circulated as documents of the Security Council.

Needless to state that over the past four days, these aggressions have been continuing without interruption, bringing additional death and destruction upon Beirut, the capital of the Lebanese Republic. Furthermore, the Israeli aggressors have been, in flagrant violation of Security Council resolution 511 (1982), preventing at random the flow of vital medical supplies, electricity and water, thus inflicting further hardships and sufferings to the almost three quarters of a million residents of West Beirut.

(Signed) Hazem NUSEIBEH  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex I

Letter dated 22 July 1982 from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am instructed by Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization to bring to your immediate attention the latest series of renewed Israeli aggression and violations of the cease-fire, in contravention of Security Council resolutions 508 and 509 (1982), which have brought more death and destruction.

Israeli forces first broke the cease-fire at 3.30 p.m. Beirut local time on 22 July 1982, with a heavy and concentrated artillery and rocket bombardment of the regions of Bayader al-Adas, Aita al-Fukhar, al-Sultan Yaaqoub, Sweiri, Bar Elias and Dahr al-Baidar in the Beqa' valley.

At 4 p.m., Israeli war planes raided the village of Bar Elias near Shtaura in the Beqa' valley. Bombarding civilian targets, the Israeli war planes inflicted numerous civilian casualties. Concurrently, several war planes staged mock air raids over the Lebanese capital, Beirut.

Then, starting at 4.30 p.m., Israeli war planes launched three consecutive and intensive air raids on west Beirut. The raids, lasting 90 minutes, were aimed at the residential areas in Ramlet al-Baida, Spinneys, the Kuwaiti and Chinese embassies, the Burj al-Barajneh refugee camp, the heavily populated Fakhani district and the Cité Sportive. The bombing of Beirut alone resulted in the killing and wounding of 62 civilians, mainly women and children.

Sir, the latest casualty estimates of today's barbaric air assault by Israel has left over 180 civilian casualties in Beirut and the Beqa' valley. This toll of civilian casualties and destruction warrants the immediate attention and action of the world's conscience if the atrocities are to be controlled and stopped. Once again, we urge you to move within your capacity towards the direction of putting an end to the present situation and preserving the lives of the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples. The Security Council is called upon to assume its responsibilities.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI  
Permanent Observer

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Annex II

Letter dated 23 July 1982 from the Permanent Observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am instructed by Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization to bring to your immediate attention, with reference to our letter of 22 July 1982, the continued Israeli aggression and violation of the cease-fire, in contravention of Security Council resolutions 508 (1982) and 509 (1982). For the second consecutive day, Israeli war planes have conducted aerial assaults against the Palestinian and the Lebanese peoples of west Beirut. Corresponding with the renewed aggression of today are the preliminary civilian casualty reports.

Today, 23 July 1982, beginning at 1 p.m. Beirut local time, Israeli planes raided the Ramlet al-Baida, Spinneys, Lailaki, Burj al-Barajneh refugee camp, the airport road, and the densely populated Sabra and Fakhani districts of west Beirut. As of 2.10 p.m., Israeli war planes were still bombing west Beirut.

Initial casualty reports indicate that 56 people, nearly all of them civilians, were killed or wounded in today's Israeli air raid on the residential districts of west Beirut and its southern suburbs.

Sir, with greater urgency, we call upon the Security Council as the peace-keeping organ of the United Nations to assume its responsibilities.

(Signed) Zehdi Labib TERZI  
Permanent Observer

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