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COMMUNICATION FROM THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE

The following letter has been received from the Jewish Agency for Palestine

Office of the Executive  
P.O. box 92  
Jerusalem

18th July 1947

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The Chairman,  
United Nations  
Special Committee on Palestine  
Jerusalem.

Sir,

I enclose the gist of a broadcast from the ship "Exodus 1947" carrying over 4,400 Jewish refugees to Palestine.

We would suggest that some members of the Committee be asked to proceed to Haifa in order to witness the arrival of the boat, to ascertain the exact conditions on board and to hear a first-hand account of the tragic occurrence.

We hope very much that this request will receive immediate and favourable attention.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. Shertok  
EXECUTIVE OF THE JEWISH AGENCY

18th July, 1947

The following is the gist of a broadcast from the refugee ship "Exodus 1947" this morning:

During the early hours of this morning the ship was attacked by six British destroyers outside the territorial waters of Palestine. The ship was

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boarded and the refugees were attacked with rifle fire and gas bombs.

The casualties were one killed, five critically wounded and about one hundred slightly wounded, mainly by rifle fire. The ship was badly damaged and is shipping water.

The refugees aboard appeal to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine for intervention and assistance.

"Exodus 1947" is making her way to Haifa.