

289059



UNITED NATIONS
SECURITY
COUNCIL



Distr.
GENERAL

S/10335
24 September 1971

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

LETTER DATED 24 SEPTEMBER 1971 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ISRAEL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions of my Government I have the honour to refer to the letter addressed to you on 20 September 1971 by the Permanent Representative of Lebanon (S/10329).

In my letter to the President of the Security Council dated 7 September 1971 (S/10307), as well as in previous letters, I emphasized that responsibility for incidents along the cease-fire line between Israel and Lebanon rests with the Government of Lebanon which continues to lend its support to terror organizations that use Lebanese territory as a base for acts of aggression against Israel.

Since my last letter additional attacks have been carried out from Lebanese territory. One of such attacks resulted in the incident which is the subject of the above-mentioned Lebanese letter.

On the night of 17-18 September a squad of armed saboteurs attempted to cross into Israel near Dovev, heading for an attack on the town of Safed with Katyusha-rockets.

The attackers were intercepted by an Israeli patrol. In the ensuing clash two of the attackers were killed. Four Katyusha-rocket launchers, four rockets, a timing device powered by batteries, hand grenades and a map of Safed were found next to their bodies.

Instead of submitting letters of protest on incidents such as these, the Government of Lebanon would do well to give thought to the grave responsibility it bears for its support and encouragement to terror warfare which have turned Lebanon into a veritable hotbed of terror operations. Lebanon serves today as headquarters of a number of terror organizations, as a launching base for their

S/10335
English
Page 2

attacks and a centre for their propaganda activities. Thus only a few days ago the Beirut radio station of a terror organization operating from Lebanon took "credit" for the grenade outrage in Jerusalem on 19 September 1971 in which a little Arab girl was killed and a number of American tourists were injured on a Sunday morning on Via Dolorosa.

I have the honour to request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yosef TEKOAH
Permanent Representative of Israel
to the United Nations
