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LETTER DATED 7 DECEMBER 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF SENEGAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request you to convene an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider a further complaint by Senegal against Portugal as a result of the following events:

Today, 7 December 1969, from 11.10 to 11.30 a.m., the village of Samine, situated in the southern region of the Casamance, was bombarded by the Portuguese armed forces. A helicopter, which flew over the locality, directed the fire. Shells fell on the centre of the village and on the gendarmerie post.

Because of the intensity of the fire rescue work was hampered and the following list of casualties and damage is provisional: 5 dead and 1 seriously wounded; 1 hut and 5 shops burnt.

Identity of the victims:

- DEAD: 1. Gossa Dabo, twenty-~~three~~ years old, daughter of Arphan and Sirra N'Diaya, married, one child
2. Sounama Cissé, son of Malang and Gossa Dabo
3. Aminata Sadio, sixty years old, daughter of Abdou and Fatoumata Masaly
4. Sana Camara, thirty-five years old, son of Malang and Khady Cissé
5. One body not yet identified.

WOUNDED: Rosa Diatta, fifty years old, daughter of Abdoulaye and Aïssatou Mané.

Furthermore, I have the honour to inform you that the Portuguese have announced their intention of shelling Ziguinchor, capital of the southern region of the Casamance.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(Signed) Ibrahima BOYE