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LETTER DATED 26 MARCH 1969 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF JORDAN
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Further to my letters of 16 and 17 March (documents S/9083 and S/9085) concerning active Israeli aggression on centres of civilians in Jordan I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that today, 26 March 1969, Israeli jet fighters brutally attacked Jordanian villages and civilian centres in the area of Es Salt.

At 14.30 hours local time, Israeli jets attacked rest houses and winter resorts in Ein Hazar one kilometre from Es Salt City. These resorts are frequently visited by civilian citizens. The main roads connecting the villages around Es Salt and the city itself were also raided, bombed and strafed. Heavy bombs and rockets were used.

As a result of these Israeli attacks and from information received from my Government so far, 17 civilians were killed and 25 wounded, three of them seriously. Among those killed was an entire family from the Kuloob tribe, two students walking on their way back from school and a 12-year-old boy.

Many of the casualties were elderly women and children. Six houses and a number of trucks were destroyed. The attacks caused serious and heavy damage to the main roads linking the villages to the city of Es Salt. One of the Israeli rockets left a 10-metre-deep pit. Some have not exploded.

In my letter to Your Excellency dated 16 March (document S/9083) I reminded the Council that "if the Israeli use of napalm and other destructive weapons, in brutal defiance of the United Nations cease-fire resolution, is allowed to go unchecked, the Israelis will continue to embark upon more violations and acts of aggression". Today, the Israelis executed another grave attack causing heavy loss of life and damage to property.

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to request an urgent meeting of the Security Council to consider these continuous and grave Israeli

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violations and to adopt more adequate and effective measures to check Israeli acts of aggression and restore international peace and security.

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

Please accept, Excellency, etc.

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