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TRANSLATION OF A TELEGRAM SENT FROM HIS MAJESTY KING KHALID
IBN ABDULAZIZ OF SAUDI ARABIA TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MARGARET THATCHER, PRIME MINISTER OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND

The news coming from Lebanon reports the wide-scale military attack which Israel is launching by land, sea and air. This attack is causing destruction and devastation to Lebanese towns and villages, as well as to Palestinian refugee camps. It is bringing death to many innocent women, old people and children. Through this attack Israel challenges the world's conscience and the United Nations' Charter and principles. It ignores the resolution issued last night by the UN Security Council and accepted as binding by the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The international community, which seeks always to establish security and stability, cannot remain isolated from these bloody incidents which shocked and terrified peaceful citizens through the loss of many innocent lives and the destruction of homes.

We trust that you share our concern over what is taking place today in Lebanon and that you agree with us that such military action not only does not solve the problem but makes it more complicated. The best way to prevent the problem

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from worsening is to remove the reasons that led to its existence and to exert all efforts to achieve a comprehensive peace based on justice and the restoration of lawful rights.

Since we have been made aware of your continuous efforts to call for peace, we appeal to you to do your utmost to restrain the Israelis from further action in order to prevent the escalation of the danger and the undermining of the hopes of peace which you and every peace-loving person seeks.

With our best wishes for your continuing health and happiness and for more progress and prosperity for the friendly British people,

(Signed)

Khalid Ibn Abdulaziz
king of Saudi Arabia

Riyadh. 7th June. 1982.