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Dear Prime Minister,

I deem it necessary to write to you expressing our view-point with regard to the grave situation in the Middle East, following the despicable crime that was directed against members of the French and American contingents in the M.F.O. in Lebanon a few days ago.

Egypt has condemned that act whose victims have been serving a noble cause and performing a great mission, at the request of the legitimate government of Lebanon.

It is yet another example of the violence and turmoil that the Middle East is living, and will continue to live through, until we achieve a comprehensive peace in the entire region.

The prevailing sentiment is today one of condemnation and dismay vis-arvis such cowardly act. It is our duty to transform this sentiment into a power for construction and positivism. It is therefore necessary to spare no effort to generate a new momentum for peace in the Middle East. In this context we strongly believe that the Reagan initiative must be revived without delay, and the occupation of Lebanon should be terminated at the earliest possible date.



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Currently I am contacting a number of influential Arab Leaders with a view to remedying the situation as follows:-

FIRST: Looking with us for ways and means for preventing the reccurance of such acts.

SECOND: Discussing various approaches for reactivating the efforts to attract new participants to it.

THIRD: Isolating the advocates of violence and terrorism in the region and helping the Lebanese Government boost its security's capabilities.

I am confident that you will support Egypt's action in that direction and will continue to play your constructive and positive role to bring about a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

With best wishes and warmest regards.

Sincerely, Mohamed Hosni Mubarak

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