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Excellency,

I have the honour to update you on recent events relating to the situation in the Gaza Strip.

From Tuesday, 31 October 2006, through midday on Monday, 6 November 2006, 52 mortars and Qassam rockets were fired at Israel by Palestinian terrorists in the Gaza Strip. Of these, 35 Qassam rockets detonated in Israel.

As a response to this barrage of rockets, Israeli forces entered Beit Hanoun in Gaza to neutralize its terror installations and rocket launching infrastructure.

During the course of the operation:

- Forces conducted searches throughout Beit Hanoun in order to locate terrorists, gunmen, and weaponry used to carryout the attacks.
- Dozens of armed terrorists were killed in aerial attacks and clashes with IDF soldiers.
- IDF soldiers uncovered large amounts of weaponry including rocket launchers, anti-tank launchers, grenades, explosive devices, AK-47 assault rifles, various ammunitions types, observation equipment, and more.
- The IDF targeted and hit 9 rocket launching cells, some of them also responsible for rocket manufacturing.
- An IDF soldier was killed in exchanges of fire.
- An attempted suicide bombing against the forces was thwarted after being stopped by IDF forces, lightly injuring one soldier.

Early this morning, the IDF infantry, engineering, and armored units completed their operations in Beit Hanoun.

Notwithstanding the security considerations, the IDF, working with the District Coordination Office, ensured that dozens of vehicles passed into Beit Hanoun, carrying food, medical teams, repairmen, and additional supplies to address the humanitarian situation facing the Palestinian people there.

I should be grateful if you could circulate the text of this letter to the members of the Security Council.

Allow me, Excellency, to renew to you the assurances of the highest consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daniel Carmon'.

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