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PRIME MINISTER'S
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Excellency,

I have the honour to convey the following message from the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan:

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Excellency,

The tragic plight of the people of Lebanon in the wake of Israel's ruthless military assault on that country and the brutalities perpetrated on the besieged population of Beirut compel me to seek your personal intervention in terminating an intolerable state of affairs.

Thousands of Arab and Palestinian men, women and children have been massacred. Hundreds of thousands who have been uprooted from their homes are reduced to a state of existence unacceptable to a civilised world. West Beirut, totally surrounded by the Israeli Army, is being systematically recuded to rubble and its entrapped people face death by starvation and disease.

The future of our civilisation depends on whether we are still capable of being stirred by such an appalling spectacle. I believe that the moral impulse which keeps the heart of our civilisation beating is alive and will not permit us to remain in a continuing state of inertia induced by the sheer audacity of the Israeli assault on a hapless Lebanon. We are all equally answerable for man's unsurpassed barbarity to man which the people of Lebanon have the misfortune of experiencing before our very eyes. History is the unsparing judge and we must tremble at its verdict if we remain unconcerned with the tragedy of Lebanon.

The world community has a clear duty to stop Israel from pursuing its genocidal war to the bitter end. The primary responsibility to curb Israel rests with the Permanent Members of the Security Council, particularly the Super Powers, who have the ability and the resources to do so. If Israel is not restrained now the consequences for regional and global peace and security will be incalculable and neither the great nor the small will be able to escape the impact of the forces that may be unleashed.

Your Excellency bears a special responsibility to uphold the cause of justice and peace in our tormented world. I, therefore, urge you to use

the power and influence at hour command to bring about an immediate Israeli . withdrawal from the Lebanon. I also appeal to you to join in a concerted effort to ensure the restitution of the inalienable national and human rights of the Palestinian people whose unredeemed sufferings constitute a blot on the conscience of mankind.

With my profound personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

( General M. Zia-ul-Haq)

Ends"

I take this opportunity to convey the assurances of my highest consideration.

( ALI ARSHAD )

- the Consort

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