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Addendum

1. I regret to inform the Security Council that, since my report (S/20416) was issued, two further serious incidents have occurred in the UNIFIL area of operation. They illustrate the harassment to which both UNIFIL and the civilian population of southern Lebanon are currently exposed.
2. On 24 January 1989, SLA personnel in their compound at Haddathan fired some 30 rounds close to Irish battalion ordnance personnel who were disposing of an unexploded mortar round some 100 metres from UNIFIL position 6-38 in the Irish battalion sector. The rounds fired by SLA impacted amongst the UNIFIL soldiers but fortunately there were no casualties. A minute later, SLA fired towards the Irish position itself, wounding a soldier who was standing on its roof. This incident was immediately protested by UNIFIL to IDF, who had been notified in advance of UNIFIL's intention to dispose of the unexploded mortar round.
3. On the morning of 25 January 1989, approximately 100 armed members of SLA, travelling in armoured personnel carriers and other vehicles, forced their way through the Norwegian battalion checkpoint at position 4-7A near Chebaa, inside the Israeli controlled area. Norwegian battalion personnel were instructed to resist this SLA operation by all possible means short of firing but, in spite of their strenuous efforts, SLA began to arrest civilians, including elderly men, women and children. Thirty-seven persons were taken out of the UNIFIL area by SLA, who threatened the Norwegian battalion personnel with heavy weapons and removed a Norwegian battalion vehicle which had blocked the road. The arrested persons were later released but have not been allowed to return to their homes. UNIFIL was informed that this new expulsion was in retaliation for the refusal of residents of the village to co-operate with the forced recruitment drive by SLA. UNIFIL is pressing the Israeli authorities to allow these expelled persons, as well as those expelled earlier, to return to their villages.

