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Further report on the status of the cease-fire in the Middle East

The following information has been received from the Acting Chief of Staff of UNTSO with regard to the situation in the Israel-Lebanon sector on 17 December 1973:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Mar: 1/ Between 0520 2/ and 1450 Israel forces personnel and vehicle reoccupied position at AMR 2004-2904 3/ west of border pillar 33.

(b) OP Hin: Between 0610 and 1400 Israel forces personnel reoccupied position at AMR 1799-2788 near border pillar 11. Between 0718 and 0731 and between 0750 and 0800 mortar fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line.

(c) OP Ras: Between 0650 and 1410 Israel forces personnel and vehicle reoccupied position at AMR 1907-2749 north of border pillar 19. Between 0701 and 0730 and between 0755 and 0758 mortar fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line (confirmed by OP Mar). Between 2345 and 0006 on 18 December artillery and mortar fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line.

2. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Lebanon alleging that:

On 15 December:

(a) Between 1625 and 1655 several rounds of mortar fire from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Aitaroun (AMR 1944-2802), Maroun Er Ras (AMR 1918-2785) and Yaroun (AMR 1897-2761). Material damage was reported.

1/ The locations of the observation posts are given in document S/11057.

2/ All times GMT.

3/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(b) During the night of 16/17 December several rounds of mortar fire from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Salhani (AMR 1787-2815), Tair Harfa (AMR 1705-2811), Mazraat Khraibe (AMR 1708-2800) and Ejjibrain (AMR 1724-2806). Material damage was reported.

On 17 December:

(c) Between 0650 and 0830 artillery and mortar fire from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Yaroun (AMR 1897-2761), Et Tairi (AMR 1882-2827), Rachaf (AMR 1845-2833), Haddathe (AMR 1868-2855), Mhaibib (AMR 1975-2843), Blida (AMR 1985-2827) and Aita Ech Chaab (AMR 1815-2780). Material damage was reported.

(d) Between 1750 and 1815 several rounds of artillery fire from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Chamaa (AMR 1710-2834). Material damage was reported.

(e) Between 2205 and 0025 on 18 December several rounds of artillery fire from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Rachaiya El Foukhar (AMR 2127-2065), Haddathe (AMR 1868-2855) and Tiri (AMR 1880-2827). Material damage was reported.

(f) On 15, 16 and 17 December an Israel patrol consisting of two armoured personnel carriers penetrated Lebanese territory in the region of Chebaa and after firing some bursts of automatic weapons occupied the position throughout the day.

Complaint (a) was confirmed by United Nations observation except for damage (see S/11057/Add.144, para. 1 (a)). Complaint (c) was confirmed by United Nations observation for that portion within observation range of OPs Hin and Ras (see paragraphs 1 (b) and (c) above). Complaint (e) was not confirmed by United Nations observation, but it may be related to the incidents observed by OP Ras in paragraph 1 (c) above. Complaints (b), (d) and (f) were not confirmed by United Nations observation.
