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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-Syria sector on 16 January 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): 1/ Between 0735 2/ and 0745 machine-gun fire by Israel forces. Between 1334 and 1342 tank fire by unidentified forces south-east of patrol location.

(b) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2952): Between 1307 and 1310 artillery by Syrian forces.

(c) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937): Between 1505 and 1507 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

2. Complaints by the parties:

A complaint has been received from Israel alleging that on 16 January at 1255 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire in the area of Tell Ech Chams (AMR 2430-2950).

The above complaint was confirmed by United Nations observation, although there is a discrepancy in times (see paragraph 1 (b) above).

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1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

