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

The Chief of Staff of UNTSO has reported that, in addition to the recurrent incursions near border pillars 11, 19 and 33 (S/11057/Add.424, para. 2), the following developments took place in the Israel-Lebanon sector on 19 May 1974:

1. Reports on ground and sea activity:

(a) OP Hin: 1/ Between 0010 2/ and 0025, between 1748 and 1808 and between 1900 and 1915 mortar fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line (ADL).

(b) OP Khiam: Between 0610 and 1057 several Israel forces personnel and two vehicles crossed into Lebanon from Israel-occupied territory south-south-east of OP (maximum penetration 100 metres). At 0715 a detachment from the party was observed moving along the road on the Lebanese side towards the north-east.

(c) Naqoura Outstation: At 1155 gunfire by Israel naval forces observed at approximately 18 kilometres north of outstation and approximately 8 kilometres off the Lebanese coast and at 1200 artillery fire by Lebanese land forces (exchange of fire); firing ceased by Israel naval forces at 1230 and by Lebanese land forces at 1235.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) Naqoura Outstation: Between 0601 and 0602 one Israel forces jet aircraft, flying north-west to south-east, was first observed over outstation and recrossed the ADL south-east of outstation.

(b) OP Mar: Between 0651 and 0652 one Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south to north, crossed the ADL north-east of OP and was last observed north of OP. Between 0716 and 0719 three Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south to north, turning west, then south, crossed the ADL south-south-east of OP and were last observed west of OP.

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

2/ All times GMT.

(c) OP Ras: Between 0653 and 0656 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south to north, crossed the ADL north-east of OP and were last observed north of OP. Between 0659 and 0700 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying north to south, were first observed west-north-west of OP and recrossed the ADL west of OP. Between 0719 and 0721 three Israel forces jet aircraft, flying north to south, were first observed west-north-west of OP and recrossed the ADL west of OP.

(d) OP Khiam: Between 0653 and 0659 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south to north, turning west, then south-south-west, crossed into Lebanon from Israel-occupied territory south-east of OP and were last observed south-west of OP. Between 0716 and 0720 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-east to north-west, turning west, then south-west, crossed into Lebanon from Israel-occupied territory south-east of OP and were last observed south-west of OP.

(e) Israel-Lebanon Mixed Armistice Commission (ILMAC) headquarters in Beirut: Between 0656 and 0658 one Israel forces jet aircraft, flying east to west, then turning south, was first observed over ILMAC headquarters and last observed south of Beirut.

(f) OP Lab: Between 0700 and 0701 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying north-east to south-west, were first observed east-north-east of OP and recrossed the ADL east of OP. Between 1256 and 1259 one Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south to north, turning west, then south, crossed and recrossed the ADL west of OP.

(g) OP Hin: Between 0721 and 0722 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying north to south, were first observed north of OP and recrossed the ADL south of OP.

### 3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Lebanon alleging that:

- (i) On 18 May between 1820 and 1845 one Israel forces warship penetrated Lebanese territorial waters up to Naqoura (AMR 1629-2805) <sup>3/</sup> to a distance of from 2 to 4 kilometres from the coast. Searchlights were used and several automatic weapon bursts were fired against Lebanese territory.
- (ii) During the night of 18/19 May intermittent artillery and automatic weapons fire from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Labrouna (AMR 1644-2778), Beit Lif (AMR 1815-2820), Kaxma (AMR 1830-2865), Aita Ech Chaab (AMR 1815-2780) and Aitaroun (AMR 1944-2802). Material damage was reported.
- (iii) On 19 May between 0650 and 0730 two Israel forces jet aircraft overflew Lebanese territory on many occasions in different regions.
- (iv) On 19 May between 1200 and 1245 four Israel forces warships opened gunfire on the village of Rachidiye (AMR 1700-2931), causing material damage and civilian casualties. An inquiry was requested.

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<sup>3/</sup> AMR - approximate map reference.

Complaint (iii) was confirmed by United Nations observation (see paragraphs 2 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) above). Complaint (iv) was confirmed, except for damage and casualties (see paragraph 1 (c) above); the Chief of Staff has authorized an inquiry to be conducted into this complaint. Complaint (ii) was confirmed for Aitaroun, except for damage (see S/11057/Add.479, para. 1 (b)). Regarding complaint (i) observation was not possible owing to darkness.

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