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Further report on the status of the cease-fire
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The Chief of Staff of UNTSO has submitted the following report on developments which took place in the Israel-Lebanon sector during the period from 12 to 18 August 1974:

1. The number of ground incidents increased during the period under review owing to a greater number of machine-gun firings across the armistice demarcation line (ADL) by Israel forces in the OP Lab (AMR 1643-2772) ^{1/} and OP Hin (AMR 1770-2790) areas. There was a significant decrease in air activity and the sector in general was less tense compared with the previous period.
2. Israel forces personnel continued to occupy daily, during daylight hours, three positions on the Lebanese side of the ADL near border pillars 11 (AMR 1799-2788), 19 (AMR 1907-2749) and 33 (AMR 2004-2904).
3. There were 44 cases of firing into Lebanese territory, 1 of which involved an exchange of fire, and 4 crossing violations. These were as follows:
 - (a) OP Lab, south of the village of Labouna, reported machine-gun fire by Israel forces on 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18 August, and machine-gun fire between Israel forces and unidentified forces was reported on 16 August. One crossing by Israel forces personnel into Lebanese territory was reported on 12 August (maximum penetration 150 metres).
 - (b) OP Hin, east of the village of Marouahine, reported artillery fire on 12 August and machine-gun fire on 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 August, all by Israel forces.
 - (c) OP Ras (AMR 1920-2785), south-east of the village of Maroun Er Ras, reported artillery fire on 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 August and machine-gun fire on 12, 14 and 17 August, all by Israel forces.

^{1/} AMR - approximate map reference.

(d) OP Mar (AMR 1998-2921), south-east of the village of Markaba, reported crossings by Israel forces personnel into Lebanese territory as follows: on 13 August one crossing (maximum penetration 50 metres), on 16 August one crossing (maximum penetration 25 metres) and on 18 August one crossing (maximum penetration 25 metres).

(e) OP Khiam (AMR 2071-3025), south of the village of El Khiam, reported artillery fire by Israel forces on 12, 14 and 17 August.

4. Five overflights were reported during the period under review. These were as follows: overflights by Israel forces jet aircraft were reported on 12 and 13 August (two each day) and one on 17 August.

5. The Lebanese authorities submitted 27 complaints during the period under review as follows:

(a) Eleven complaints alleged that Israel forces fire fell on Lebanese territory. Ten of these complaints were confirmed by United Nations observation, except for damage.

(b) Three complaints concerned overflights of Lebanese territory by Israel forces jet aircraft; all of these complaints were confirmed. One complaint related to an Israel forces helicopter overflight; this complaint was not confirmed because the location of the alleged incident was outside United Nations observation range.

(c) Three complaints were submitted alleging that Israel forces penetrated Lebanese territory. An inquiry was requested on one of the complaints (see para. 6 below). Two complaints were not confirmed; the location of the alleged incidents were outside United Nations observation range.

(d) Two complaints were submitted alleging that Israel forces naval vessels penetrated Lebanese territorial waters. Neither of these complaints were confirmed owing to darkness.

(e) One complaint was submitted alleging that five Israel naval vessels fired on the Lebanese coast at Rachidiye (AMR 1705-2933), causing casualties and material damage. This complaint was not confirmed; the location of the alleged incident was outside United Nations observation range.

(f) Six complaints were submitted alleging that an Israel forces patrol had penetrated Lebanese territory in the region of Chebaa (AMR 2200-3055). Five of these complaints were not confirmed; the locations of the alleged incidents were outside United Nations observation range. One of the complaints was confirmed by patrol observation on 15 August.

6. One inquiry was conducted by United Nations military observers during the period under review. A complaint was submitted by the Lebanese authorities alleging that Israel forces have planted iron pickets and barbed wire fences inside Lebanese territory in the region of Aitaroun (AMR 1944-2802) very near the ADL. The Lebanese complaint was confirmed by the United Nations inquiry team.
