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

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 1 to 4 September 1974:

1. Activity in the western portion of the Israel-Lebanese sector has increased in the past three days.
2. OP Ras (AMR 1920-2785) 1/ reported mortar and machine-gun fire by Israel forces on 2 September and mortar fire by unidentified forces on 2 and 3 September. OP Hin (AMR 1770-2790) reported machine-gun fire by Israel forces on 2 September. OP Lab (AMR 1643-2772) reported mortar flares by unidentified forces on 2 September, machine-gun fire by Israel forces on 2 and 4 September and mortar fire by Israel forces on 3 September. In all cases where unidentified forces are mentioned, the United Nations military observers were unable to identify the firing parties owing to darkness.
3. Three overflights by Israel forces jet aircraft were reported in the western portion of the sector during the period under review and overflights by Israel forces helicopters were reported by OP Lab on 2 September (two overflights) and on 3 September (one overflight).
4. The Lebanese authorities submitted three complaints alleging Israel forces jet aircraft overflights, two complaints alleging that Israel forces fire fell on Lebanese territory and one complaint alleging that an Israel forces naval vessel penetrated Lebanese territorial waters. The last complaint was not confirmed by United Nations observation owing to darkness. The others were confirmed.
4. The Lebanese authorities also submitted two complaints concerning incursions into Lebanese territory by Israel forces. The first of these complaints alleged that on 1 September an Israel forces patrol entered the village of Aita Ech Chaab (AMR 1815-2780) and abducted a Lebanese citizen from the village. The second complaint alleged that on 3 September an Israel forces patrol penetrated Lebanese

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

territory, posted itself on the main route at AMR 1693-2783 near the village of Staichiye, searched passing vehicles, took mail from a civilian vehicle, abducted a Lebanese citizen from the village of Ed Dhaira (AMR 1715-2783) and then withdrew under cover of artillery fire. The first complaint was not confirmed by United Nations observation owing to darkness. The second complaint was confirmed; a UNTSO mobile patrol reported that an Israel forces patrol consisting of 16 armed soldiers penetrated Lebanese territory and returned to Israel territory while mortar fire by Israel forces was observed in the vicinity.

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