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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 (see S/11057/Add.396, para. 2), the following developments took place in the Israel-Lebanon sector on 12 April 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

OP Khiam (AMR 2071-3025): 1/ Between 0320 2/ and 0337 mortar fire by unidentified forces approximately 8 kilometres east-south-east of OP. Between 2130 and 2155 artillery fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line (ADL).

2. Reports on air activity:

OP Khiam: Between 0716 and 0717 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-east to north-west, crossed into Lebanon east-north-east of OP and were last observed north of OP.

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Lebanon alleging that:

(a) On 11 April one Israel forces patrol, consisting of two armoured personnel carriers, penetrated into Lebanese territory in the region of Chebaa (AMR 2200-3055) and after firing some automatic weapon bursts occupied a position at AMR 2209-3045 throughout the day.

(b) Between 0330 and 0350 on 12 April artillery fire coming from Israel territory fell on Wadi El Khamse (AMR 2130-3003). Material damage was reported.

(c) Between 0715 and 0720 on 12 April two Israel forces jet aircraft overflew the Lebanese region of Marjayoun (AMR 2056-3074), Nabatiye (AMR 1958-3090) and Ett Taibe (AMR 1988-2977).

(d) During the night of 12-13 April Israel forces commandos infiltrated into Lebanese territory and completely demolished a number of houses in the villages of El Dhaira (AMR 1715-2782) (two houses), Yarine (AMR 1723-2789) (four houses),

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

Ett Taibe (twelve houses and one water pump), Mmaibib (AMR 1975-2842) (two houses), Blida (AMR 1985-2847) (one house) and Aitaroun (AMR 1944-2798) (four houses). They also caused an unknown (until the time of the complaint) number of deaths and kidnapped several persons into Israel.

Complaint (c) was confirmed by United Nations observation for that portion within observation range of OP Khiam (see paragraph 1 above). Complaint (b) was not confirmed; however this incident may be related to the OP Khiam report in paragraph 1 (b) above. Complaint (a) and (d) were not confirmed.

The Lebanese authorities have requested an inquiry on the incursions referred to in their complaint in paragraph 3 (d) above. The Chief of Staff of UNTSO has authorized an inquiry to be conducted by United Nations military observers on 13 April.

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