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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 Chief of Staff of UNTSO regarding the situation in the Israel-Syria sector on 13 April 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), 1/ OP Four (AMR 2327-2596) and OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621): Between 0755 2/ and 0902, between 0958 and 1210, between 1325 and 1432 and between 1545 and 1620 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(b) OP Romeo (AMR 2294-2459): Between 0805 and 0859 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(c) Patrol 36 (AMR 2347-3126), Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2354-2998): Between 0914 and 1115, between 1155 and 1220, between 1255 and 1345 and between 1408 and 1430 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1337 and 1600 mortar fire by Syrian forces. At 1350 mortar fire which ceased immediately by Israel forces. Between 1538 and 2150 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1855 and 2300 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(d) Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 1220 and 1447 artillery fire by Israel forces. At 1321 rocket fire, which ceased immediately, by Syrian forces. Between 1501 and 1526 machine-gun fire by unidentified forces north-north-west of patrol location. Between 1910 and 2030 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 2041 and 0216 (14 April) artillery fire by Israel forces.

(e) Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 1530 and 1614 artillery fire by Israel forces.

2. Reports on air activity:

Patrol 36 (AMR 2347-3126): Between 1206 and 1208 one unidentified jet aircraft attacked with rockets west of patrol location (one strike was observed). Between 1332 and 1335 two Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with rockets north of patrol

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

location (two strikes were observed). Between 1341 and 1342 two Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with rockets and bombs north-north-east of patrol location (two strikes were observed). Between 1401 and 1406 two Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with rockets west of patrol location (four strikes were observed).

3. Complaints by the parties:

(a) A complaint has been received from Syria alleging that on 13 April at approximately 1425 Israel forces opened artillery fire on the Syrian village of Sassa (AMR 2458-2998) causing injuries to five civilians in the village. The Syrian authorities requested that UNTSO conduct an inquiry on the alleged shelling.

The Chief of Staff of UNTSO authorized an inquiry which was conducted on 13 April 1974, and has submitted the following summary of inquiry on the above complaint:

"1. Two United Nations military observers visited the region, interviewed witnesses and examined the evidence presented to them. The military observers were accompanied by a Syrian Liaison Officer.

"2. Witnesses in the area stated that one round of artillery fire had impacted the centre of the village square at approximately 1230 on 12 April wounding five children and causing damage to the shops and houses surrounding the square.

"3. The military observers found that a 105 MM artillery shell had impacted the village square. Broken glass, shrapnel holes and wall scars were observed in the buildings surrounding the square. One seriously wounded child was seen in the local hospital.

"4. Based on the above inquiry the Syrian complaint is confirmed in so far as artillery damage was observed in the village of Sassa and that one child was wounded.

(b) Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that:

On 11 April:

- (i) At 0705 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on the Tell Aantar area (AMR 2518-2827).
- (ii) At 0800 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on the Tell El Farass area (AMR 2313-2632).
- (iii) At 0800 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Kafer Nassej area (AMR 2475-2842).
- (iv) At 0845 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Kafer Nassej area.
- (v) At 1145 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Kafer Nassej area.

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- (vi) At 1320 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell El Farass area.
- (vii) At 1445 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on the Tell Aantar area.
- (viii) At 1550 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on the Tell Aantar area.

On 12 April:

- (ix) At 0315 Syrian soldiers crossed the cease-fire lines in the Mount Hermon area and established a position at AMR 2316-3300.

On 13 April:

- (x) During the morning hours Syrian soldiers crossed the cease-fire lines in the Mount Hermon area (AMR 2300-3130).
- (xi) At 1100, 1200 and 1430 Syrian forces fired surface-to-air missiles across the cease-fire lines at Israel forces aircraft in the Mount Hermon area.

Complaints (i), (iii), (iv), (vi) and (vii) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.400, para. 1 (a) and (e)). The other complaints were not confirmed.
