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

The Acting Chief of Staff of UNTSO has submitted the following report on developments in the Israel-Lebanon sector during October 1975.

1. Activity remained at a relatively high level, concentrated in the western portion of the sector, during the first half of the month. The activity decreased, and was distributed throughout the sector, during the second half.
2. Israel forces personnel continued to occupy daily, during daylight hours, five positions on the Lebanese side of the armistice demarcation line (ADL) near border pillars 11 (AMR 1799-2788), 1/ 14 (AMR 1838-2734) (except on 17, 18, 19, 21, 27 and 29 October), 18 (AMR 1880-2740), 19 (AMR 1907-2749) and 33 (AMR 2004-2904) (except on 26 October).
3. There were 67 cases of firing across the ADL or across the line between Lebanese territory and Israel-occupied Syrian territory and nine crossing violations. These were reported as follows:
  - (a) OP Lab (AMR 1643-2772), south of the village of Labouna, reported artillery fire on 1 and 25 October, mortar fire on 1, 26, 28, 29 and 30 October and automatic-weapons fire and flares on 14 October, all by Israel forces.
  - (b) OP Hin (AMR 1770-2790), east of the village of Marouahine, reported mortar fire on 2, 4, 5 and 6 October, artillery fire on 4 October, automatic-weapons fire on 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 21 and 30 October, small-arms fire on 5 October and flares on 7 October, all by Israel forces.
  - (c) OP Ras (AMR 1920-2785), south-east of the village of Maroun Er Ras, reported artillery fire on 6, 23, 24 and 26 October, mortar fire on 8, 12 and 28 October and automatic-weapons fire on 10 and 18 October, all by Israel forces.
  - (d) OP Mar (AMR 1998-2921), south-east of the village of Markaba, reported artillery fire on 4, 19, 20 and 21 October and mortar fire on 25 October, all by Israel forces.
  - (e) OP Khiam (AMR 2071-3025), south of the village of El Khiam, reported artillery fire by Israel forces on 3, 4, 11, 13, 16, 20 and 22 October.

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1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(f) Naqoura outstation (AMR 1629-2805), on the coast near the village of Naqoura, reported artillery fire on 23 October and mortar fire on 29 October, both by Israel forces. It also reported that Israel forces naval vessels penetrated Lebanese territorial waters on 6, 14, 18 and 22 October (maximum penetrations reported were 1,500 metres, 1,000 metres, 2,500 metres and 1,000 metres respectively).

(g) An UNTSO mobile patrol, while located in the vicinity of Chebaa (AMR 2200-3055), reported crossing violations by Israel forces on 2, 3, 11, 13 and 15 October (maximum penetration 900 metres in each instance).

4. There were 44 overflights reported during the period. Overflights by Israel forces jet aircraft were reported on 1, 3, 5, 12, 18, 19, 22, 24, 27, 28, 29 and 31 October (one each day), on 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 25 and 30 October (two each day), on 15 October (three overflights) and on 23 October (six overflights). One overflight by an Israel forces helicopter was reported on 23 October.

5. The Lebanese authorities submitted 82 complaints during the period under review, as follows:

(a) Thirty-eight complaints were submitted alleging that Israel forces fire had fallen on Lebanese territory on 1, 2, 3, 5, 12, 13, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29 and 30 October (one complaint each day), on 30 September, 4, 6, 10, 11, 14, 18, 19 and 20 October (two complaints each day) and on 7 October (three complaints). Eighteen of these complaints were confirmed by United Nations observation, except for damage.

(b) Thirty-one complaints concerned Israel forces jet aircraft overflights on 1, 3, 5, 7, 13, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29 and 30 October (one complaint each day) and on 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20 and 24 October (two complaints each day). Twenty-seven of these complaints were confirmed.

(c) Five complaints concerned Israel forces helicopter or light aircraft overflights on 30 September, 3, 20, 25 and 26 October. None of these complaints was confirmed.

(d) Five complaints were submitted alleging that Israel forces naval vessels had penetrated Lebanese territorial waters on 5, 9, 22, 28 and 30 October. One of the complaints was confirmed.

(e) One complaint was submitted alleging that an Israel forces patrol penetrated Lebanese territory on 8 October. The complaint was not confirmed.

(f) One complaint was submitted alleging that Israel forces constructed fortifications in Lebanese territory on 15 October. The complaint was not confirmed.

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(g) In addition, one complaint was submitted with a request that an inquiry into it be conducted by United Nations military observers (see para. 6 below).

6. The complaint referred to in paragraph 5 (g) alleged that during the night of 28/29 October, artillery fire from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Rmaich (AMR 1847-2760), causing damage to material and cultivation. The inquiry took place on 30 October. The complaint is confirmed in so far as damage to material and cultivation is concerned.

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