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THE TRUCE SUPERVISION ORGANIZATION TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING A REPORT  
COVERING THE PERIOD 18 - 24 APRIL 1951

FOLLOWING IS REPORT TO SECURITY COUNCIL COVERING PERIOD 18/24 APRIL 1951.

PARA ONE. ON 18 APRIL ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF HAD MEETING IN DAMASCUS WITH SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER. THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH REGARD TO CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR EMERGENCY MEETING FOR SYRIAN ISRAEL MAC. SYRIAN AUTHORITIES AGREED TO ATTEND MEETING AT ANY TIME ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF CALLED SUCH A MEETING. PARA TWO. ON 19 APRIL UNATIONS ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF WAS INFORMED BY ISRAEL DELEGATION THAT ON AFTERNOON OF PREVIOUS DAY AN ISRAEL CIVILIAN RIDING ON A BICYCLE HAD BEEN SHOT AT FROM NUQUEIB AREA IN SOUTHERN SECTOR OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE. REPORT STATED THAT MAN WAS STILL MISSING. PARA THREE. ON MORNING OF 19 APRIL SYRIAN DELEGATION INFORMED UNATIONS CHAIRMAN OF SYRIAN ISRAEL MAC THAT IT COULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION TO ENSURE PERSONAL SAFETY OF UN OBSERVERS WITHIN DEMILITARIZED ZONE, BUT OFFERED ALL FACILITIES TO UN OBSERVERS AS FAR AS SYRIAN TERRITORY WAS CONCERNED. PARA FOUR. ON AFTERNOON OF 19 APRIL AN OBSERVER TEAMS RECOVERED BODY OF AN ISRAEL CIVILIAN AT POINT BETWEEN EIN GEV AND NUQUEIB. ARAB CIVILIANS INFORMED OBSERVERS THAT ON 18 APRIL, THREE ARMED ISRAELIS HAD APPROACHED NUQUEIB AND ONE OF THEM HAD BEEN KILLED IN AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE. PARA FIVE. ON 20 APRIL UNATIONS CHAIRMAN RECEIVED FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS FROM SENIOR SYRIAN DELEGATION: ABLE. AT 1500 HOURS GMT ON 18 APRIL, AN ISRAEL POLICE FORCE FROM EIN GEV SETTLEMENT ATTEMPTED TO ENFORCE ITS WAY INTO VILLAGE OF NUQUEIB IN SOUTHERN SECTOR OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE. ISRAEL POLICE OPENED FIRE, WHICH WAS RETURNED BY ARAB CIVILIANS. BAKER. ON 20 APRIL AT 0100 HOURS GMT VILLAGE OF NUQUEIB WAS ATTACKED BY ISRAEL ARMY UNITS FROM TWO ARMoured BOATS ON LAKE TIBERIAS AND FROM DIRECTION OF EIN GEV. ENGAGEMENT LASTED FOR ONE HALF HOURS, ARAB CIVILIANS REPULSED ISRAEL ATTACK. PARA SIX. AN ISRAEL COMPLAINT DATED 20 APRIL STATED THAT ON 18 APRIL AN UNARMED ISRAEL CIVILIAN HAD BEEN KILLED NORTH OF EIN GEV IN SOUTHERN SECTOR OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE. LATER STATED THAT THEN SHOTS WERE FIRED AND A GROUP OF ARMED ARABS DRESSED IN KHAKI WERE SEEN CARRYING ISRAEL CIVILIANS BICYCLE. PARA SEVEN. ON 20 APRIL UN OBSERVER TEAMS

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RECOVERED BODY OF AN ISRAELI DRESSED IN KHAKI WITH NO POLICE OR ARMY INSIGNIA JUST OUTSIDE IAGE OF NUQEIB. NUMEROUS EMPTY CARTRILGES AND CARTRIDGE BOXES WITH HEBREW LETTERING WERE FOUND ONE HUNDRED METERS SOUTH OF VILLAGE. IN NUQEIB VILLAGE ITSELF THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF SEVERAL HITS FROM THREE INCH MORTARS. OBSERVERS REPORTED THAT WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF NUQEIB HAVE BEEN EVACUATED FROM VILLAGE AND ARE LIVING IN TENTS WITHIN DEMILITARIZED ZONE. SIX ARAB CIVILIANS WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED. ARAB CIVILIANS CLAIMED THAT ATTACK HAD BEEN CONDUCTED BY A FORCE OF ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED ISRAELIS IN TWO BOATS ON LAKE TIBERIAS AND FROM DIRECTION OF EIN GEV. ISRAELIS CLAIM THAT AN ISRAEL POLICE PATROL OF TWELVE MEN ARMED WITH RIFLE, HAND GRENADES AND ONE LIGHT MACHINE GUN, HAD PROCEEDED TO NUQEIB TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ARABS HAD TAKEN UP POSITIONS FACING ISRAEL FIELDS IN EIN GEV. THEY DENIED THAT BOATS HAD BEEN USED ON LAKE TIBERIAS OR THAT MORTARS HAD BEEN FIRED. PARA EIGHT. ON 21 APRIL UNATIONS CHAIRMAN WARNED LOCAL ARAB CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES IN DEMILITARIZED ZONE AGAINST OPENING OF FIRE ON ISRAELIS. CHAIRMAN ALSO ISSUED A WARNING TO CHIEFS OF LOCAL ISRAEL POLICE DETACHEMENTS IN DEMILITARIZED ZONE AGAINST OPENING OF FIRE ON ARAB CIVILIANS IN DEMILITARIZED ZONE. PARA NINE. AN ISRAEL COMPLAINT DATED 22 APRIL STATED THAT ARAB PARAMILITARY FORCES SUPPORTED AND COMMANDED BY MEMBERS OF REGULAR SYRIAN ARMY HAD ENTERED PNUQEIB AREA IN SOUTHERN SECTOR OF DEMILITARIZED ZONE AND HAD FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS ATTACKED ALL CIVILIAN APPROACHING IT OR APPEARING IN ITS VICINITY. ON AFTERNOON OF 18 APRIL AN ISRAEL CIVILIAN WAS BRUTALLY DONE TO DEATH SOME TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY METRES SOUTH OF NUQEIB. COMPLAINT CONTINUED THAT ON AFTERNOON OF 20 APRIL A ROUTINE ISRAEL PATROL WHICH HAD BEEN VISITING NUQEIB ALMOST DAILY FOR MANY MONTHS WAS ONCE AGAIN ATTACKED FROM VILLAGE AND FROM SYRIAN TERRITORY TO NORTHEAST OF VILLAGE. ONE POLICEMAN WAS MURDERED AND HIS HEAD BATTENED IN. ISRAELIS ALLEGED THAT ON 20 AND 21 APRIL ABOUT SIXTY ARMED ARABS DRESSED IN KHAKI AND MOVING IN MILITARY FORMATION WERE SEEN ENTERING NUQEIB FROM SYRIAN TERRITORY AND RETURNING TO SYRIAN TERRITORY. PARA TEN. ON 24 APRIL UNATIONS CHAIRMAN RECEIVED ISRAEL REPORTS THAT ON NIGHT OF 23 APRIL ABOUT FIFTY SHOTS HAD BEEN FIRED TOWARDS EIN GEV FROM NUQEIB AREA. ISRAEL POLICE REPORTED ON 24 APRIL THAT A POLICE TRUCK MOVING ON TRACK WEST OF JORDAN WITHIN DEMILITARIZED ZONE HAD BEEN FIRED AT FROM EASTERN BANK OF JORDAN RIVER

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