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

The following report on the situation on 7 November 1973 in the Egypt-Israel sector is based on information received from the headquarters of UNEF and UNTSO:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) UNEF Finnish contingent: Between 1155 1/ and 1250 small-arms fire, between 1415 and 1515 tank fire in area east of Suez City, and between 1505 and 1530 artillery fire, all by Israel forces. Between 1740 and 1745 artillery fire by Israel forces in area 2 to 3 kilometres north of Suez.

(b) UNTSO Patrol 15 (AMR 7309-8222): 2/ Between 0620 and 0645 machine-gun fire by unidentified forces far east of patrol location.

(c) Patrol 21 (AMR 7490-8960): Movement forward in north-easterly direction from their previous positions by Egyptian forces. Maximum penetration 300 metres.

(d) Patrol 23 (AMR 7570-8120): Between 1730 and 1800 mortar fire by unidentified forces east of patrol location.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) UNTSO Patrol 11 (AMR 7500-9435): Between 0825 and 0831 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying north to south, were first observed west of patrol location and last observed south of patrol location.

(b) Patrol 22 (AMR 7510-8830): Between 0831 and 0833 one Israel forces jet aircraft, flying north to south, then turning east, was first observed north of patrol location and last observed south of patrol location.

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1/ All times GMT.

2/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(c) Patrol 25 (AMR 7780-8150): Between 0835 and 0836 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying east to west, were first observed south-west of patrol location and last observed west-south-west of patrol location. One ground-to-air missile was fired by Egyptian forces.

(d) Patrol 15 (AMR 7215-8335): Between 0835 and 0837 one unidentified jet aircraft, flying north to south, then turning east, was first observed west of patrol location and last observed south-east of patrol location.

(e) Patrol 25 (AMR 7750-8340): Between 1035 and 1036 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying east to west, then turning south-west, were first observed west of patrol location and last observed south-west of patrol location. Between 1055 and 1056 one Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south to north, then turning west, was first and last observed north-west of patrol location. Between 1334 and 1335 two Israel forces aircraft, circling over the patrol location, then turning east, were first observed south of patrol location and last observed north of patrol location. Between 1425 and 1427 one Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south to north, was first observed north-west of patrol location and last observed north-north-west of patrol location.

3. Firing on or close to United Nations personnel and installations:

At 1020 the UNEF Finnish contingent was subjected to small-arms fire by Israel forces close to OP sited south-west of Suez.

4. Complaints by the parties:

A complaint has been received from Egypt alleging that on 7 November at 0920 Israel forces opened machine-gun and small-arms fire against Egyptian positions east of Kantara.

The above complaint was not confirmed by United Nations observation.

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