

UNITED NATIONS  
SECURITY  
COUNCIL



Distr.  
GENERAL

S/11057/Add.69  
21 November 1973

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

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

The following report on the situation on 20 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 0330 1/ and 0448 small-arms fire by Israel and Egyptian forces in northern area of Suez city (exchange of fire). Finnish contingent was unable to determine which party commenced firing. Between 1235 and 1243 two rounds of anti-tank fire by unidentified forces in Suez city. Between 1315 and 1500 artillery fire by Israel forces in an area 3 kilometres east of Suez. Sporadic small-arms fire by Israel and Egyptian forces in Suez city area throughout the day.

(b) Swedish contingent: Between 0415 and 1255 sporadic small-arms fire by Egyptian and Israel forces (not exchange of fire). Between 1305 and 1340 sporadic artillery fire by Egyptian forces.

(c) UNTSO Patrol 27 (AMR 7270-8690): 2/ Between 0647 and 0652 machine-gun fire by Egyptian and Israel forces (exchange of fire). United Nations observers were unable to determine which party commenced firing.

(d) Patrol 17 (AMR 7580-7930): At 0730 small-arms fire, which ceased immediately, by Israel forces.

(e) Patrol 16 (AMR 7380-8210): At 0910 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by unidentified forces north-west of patrol location.

(f) Patrol 25 (AMR 7740-8340): Between 1130 and 1200 machine-gun and small-arms fire by Israel forces.

(g) Patrol 26 (AMR 7780-8150): Between 1230 and 1245 mortar fire by Israel forces.

1/ All times GMT.

2/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(h) Patrol 24 (AMR 7460-8300): Between 1430 and 1450 artillery fire by unidentified forces south of patrol location.

2. Reports on air activity:

Finnish contingent: Between 0850 and 0851 two Israel jet aircraft, flying north to south, were first observed north of Suez and last observed south of Suez.

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Egypt alleging that:

(a) On 20 November at 0400 Israel forces fired at Egyptian forces in area AMR 7210-8470. Israel forces are building positions in this area.

(b) On 20 November at 1320 Israel forces fired at Egyptian forces in area AMR 7500-8900.

(c) On 20 November at 1330 six Israel forces tanks attacked Egyptian position (AMR 7280-8700).

(d) On 20 November at 1400 Israel forces fired at Egyptian forces in area AMR 7190-8450.

(e) On 20 November Israel forces shelled area of kilometre 156 on the eastern bank of the Canal.

(f) On 20 November Israel forces shelled area east of Suez city on the eastern bank of the Canal.

Complaint (f) was confirmed by United Nations observation (see paragraph 1 (a)). Complaints (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) were not confirmed by United Nations observation.

-----