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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 Acting Chief of Staff of UNTSO with regard to the situation in the Israel-Lebanon sector on 5 December 1973:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Khiam: 1/ Between 0400 2/ and 0410, between 0855 and 0901, and between 1925 and 1939 mortar fire by Israel forces across armistice demarcation line.

(b) OP Ras: Between 0422 and 1411, Israel forces personnel, an armoured personnel carrier, vehicles and a trailer reoccupied position at AMR 1907-2749 3/ north of border pillar 19.

(c) OP Mar: Between 0502 and 1430 Israel forces personnel and vehicle reoccupied position at AMR 2004-2904 west of border pillar 33.

(d) OP Hin: Between 0825 and 1505 Israel forces personnel and an armoured personnel carrier reoccupied position at AMR 1799-2788 near border pillar 11. Between 1646 and 1659 and between 2025 and 2047 artillery fire by Israel forces across armistice demarcation line (confirmed by OP Khiam).

(e) OP Lab: At 1215 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by unidentified forces east-south-east of OP.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) OP Khiam: Between 1218 and 1220 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-south-east to north-north-west, crossed into Lebanon south-east of OP and recrossed armistice demarcation line south-south-west of OP Ras.

1/ The locations of the observation posts are given in document S/11057.

2/ All times GMT.

3/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(b) OP Ras: Between 1234 and 1235 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying east to west, then turning south, crossed armistice demarcation line east of OP and recrossed south of OP (confirmed by OP Hin).

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Lebanon alleging that:

(a) During the night of 4/5 December several mortar and artillery rounds fired from Israel territory fell on the regions of Blida (AMR 1985-2827), Haddathe (AMR 1868-2855), Halta (AMR 2128-3029), Mazraat Dharjate (AMR 2112-3013). Casualties and material damage were reported.

(b) On 5 December between 0900 and 0930 several mortar rounds fired from Israel territory fell on the regions of Halta, Mazraat Dharjate, and Wadi El Khansa (7 kilometres south-east of OP Khiam). Material damage was reported.

(c) On 5 December an Israel patrol, consisting of two armoured personnel carriers, penetrated Lebanese territory in the region of Chebaa (AMR 2200-3055) and after firing some bursts of automatic weapons occupied position at AMR 2211-3045 throughout the day.

(d) On 5 December between 1215 and 1220 two Israel forces jet aircraft overflew the Lebanese regions of El Khiam (AMR 2075-3035), Nabatiye (AMR 1958-3090) and Ett Taibe (AMR 1988-2977).

(e) During the night 5/6 December several mortar and artillery rounds fired from Israel territory fell on the Lebanese regions of Haddathe, Tiri (AMR 1880-2827), Rachaf (AMR 1845-2833), Aadeisse (AMR 2010-2955) and Mazraat Sarada (AMR 2063-2997). Material damage was reported. Casualties not yet known.

Complaint (a) was confirmed by United Nations observation for that portion within observation range of OPs Ras and Hin (see S/11057/Add.111, paras. 1 (a) and (c)) and of OP Khiam (see para. 1 (a) above). Complaint (b) was confirmed by United Nations observation, except for damage (see para. 1 (a) above). Complaint (d) was confirmed by United Nations observation (see para. 2 (a) above). Complaint (e) was confirmed by United Nations observation for that portion within observation range of OPs Khiam and Hin (see paras. 1 (a) and (d) above). Complaint (c) was not confirmed by United Nations observation.
