

UNITED NATIONS
SECURITY
COUNCIL



Distr.
GENERAL

S/11057/Add.143
16 December 1973

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

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-Syria sector on 15 December 1973:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2952): 1/ Between 0645 2/ and 0659 artillery and mortar fire by Syrian forces (confirmed by Patrol 38). Between 0846 and 0855 machine-gun fire by Syrian forces. Between 1340 and 1358 mortar fire by Syrian forces (confirmed by Patrol 42). Between 1412 and 1427 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(b) OP Uniform: 3/ Between 0750 and 0850 machine gun fire by Israel forces. Between 1048 and 1057 and between 1420 and 1427 artillery and tank fire by Syrian forces (confirmed by Patrol 37 and OP Two).

(c) Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040): Between 0807 and 0821 mortar fire by Syrian and Israel forces. Exchange of fire (confirmed by Patrol 32). Between 0821 and 0825 machine-gun fire by Israel forces. At 1314 rocket fire, which ceased immediately, by Syrian forces.

(d) Patrol 41 (AMR 2367-3026): Between 0810 and 0850 artillery and tank fire by Syrian forces. Between 1310 and 1325 tank fire by Israel forces and missile fire by Syrian forces (exchange of fire).

(e) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054): Between 0834 and 0950 mortar and machine-gun fire by unidentified forces south-west of patrol location. Between 1035 and 1301 machine-gun fire by unidentified forces south-west of patrol location.

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

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

(f) Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): At 0952 small arms fire, which ceased immediately, by unidentified forces north of patrol location.

(g) OP Two: Between 1030 and 1315 artillery fire by Syrian forces (confirmed by OP Five). Between 1344 and 1355 tank and machine-gun fire by Israel forces. Between 1347 and 1455 artillery fire by Israel forces (confirmed by Patrols 42 and 43 and by OP Uniform).

(h) Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 1340 and 1344 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(i) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814): Between 1345 and 1422 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(j) Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 2015 and 2023 mortar fire by unidentified forces north-east of patrol location. At 2215 one mortar round by unidentified forces north-east of patrol location.

2. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that on 15 December:

(a) At 0815 Syrian forces opened tank fire east of Mazraat Beit Jinn (AMR 2350-3010).

(b) At 1115 Syrian forces opened artillery fire east of Khochniye (AMR 2360-2670).

(c) At 1320 Syrian forces opened fire with anti-tank missiles in the Mazraat Beit Jinn area.

(d) At 1345 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell Ech Chams area (AMR 2430-2950).

(e) At 1410 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Kodna area (AMR 2333-2686).

(f) At 1445 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell El Farass (AMR 2313-2632), Rafid (AMR 2345-2625) areas.

Complaint (a) above was confirmed by United Nations observation (see paragraph 1 (d) above). Complaint (b) above was confirmed by United Nations observation (see paragraph 1 (g) above). Complaint (c) above was confirmed by United Nations observation (see paragraph 1 (c) above). Complaint (d) above was confirmed by United Nations observation (see paragraph 1 (h) above). Complaints (e) and (f) above were confirmed by United Nations observation, although there is a discrepancy in times (see paragraph 1 (b) above).
