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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 26 December 1973:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Mar: 1/ Between 0515 2/ and 1640 Israel forces personnel reoccupied position at AMR 2004-2904 3/ west of border pillar 33.

(b) OP Ras: Between 0530 and 1445 Israel forces personnel and vehicles reoccupied position at AMR 1907-2749 north of border pillar 19.

(c) OP Hin: Between 0609 and 1440 Israel forces personnel and vehicle reoccupied position at AMR 1799-2788 near border pillar 11.

(d) OP Khiam: Between 0830 and 0845 machine-gun and small-arms fire by unidentified forces south-west of OP. Between 0905 and 1007 and between 1143 and 1159 sporadic artillery fire by Israel forces across armistice demarcation line.

2. Reports on air activity:

OP Khiam: Between 0819 and 0820 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-east to north-east, turning west, then south-south-west, crossed into Lebanon south-east of OP and recrossed armistice demarcation line south-south-west of OP Ras (confirmed by OPs Mar and Lab).

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Lebanon alleging that:

(a) On 24 December between 1330 and 1345 several rounds of artillery fire from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Mrah Biri (AMR 2183-3086). Material damage was reported.

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

2/ All times GMT.

3/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(b) On 24 and 25 December an Israel forces patrol, consisting of two armoured personnel carriers, penetrated Lebanese territory in the region on Chebaa (AMR 2200-3055) and after firing some automatic weapon bursts occupied position at AMR 2211-3045 throughout the day.

(c) On 25 December between 0755 and 0800 two Israel forces jet aircraft overflew the Lebanese region of EL Khiam (AMR 2075-3035), Nabatiye (AMR 1958-3040), Sour (AMR 1690-2970) and Naqoura (AMR 1629-2805).

(d) On 25 December between 1020 and 1400 several rounds of artillery and mortar fire coming from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Mhaibib (AMR 1975-2842), Hasbaiya (AMR 2147-3115) and Nimes (AMR 2170-3135). Material damage was reported.

(e) On 25 December between 2100 and 2155 several rounds of artillery fire coming from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Salhani (AMR 1787-2815), Wadi Chinhine (AMR 1745-2805), Wadi EL Ain Zarqa (AMR 1694-2805), Chamaa (AMR 1700-2833), Haddathe (AMR 1868-2855) and Tiri (AMR 1880-2827). Material damage was reported.

(f) On 26 December between 0815 and 0820 two Israel forces jet aircraft overflew the Lebanese regions of EL Khiam, Nabatiye, Tibnine (AMR 1886-2887) and Bent Jbail (AMR 1908-2805).

(g) On 26 December between 0915 and 1010 several rounds of artillery fire coming from Israel territory fell in the regions of Zaoutar Ng Charqiye (AMR 1940-3023), Ett Taibe (AMR 1988-2977) and Deir Mimess (AMR 2010-3006). Material damage was reported.

Complaint C was confirmed by United Nations observation for that portion within observation range of OPs Khiam and Lab (see S/11057/Add.174, para. 2 (a)). Complaint (f) was confirmed by United Nations observation (see paragraph 2 above). Complaint (e) was confirmed by United Nations observation except for damage (see S/11057/Add.174, para. 1 (a)). Complaint (g) was confirmed by United Nations observation except for damage (see paragraph 1 (d) above). Complaints (a), (b), and (d) were not confirmed by United Nations observation.