

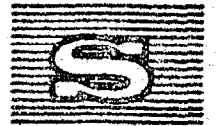
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Further report on the status of the cease-fire
in the Middle East

The following report on the situation on 29 December 1973 in the Egypt-Israel sector is based on information received from the headquarters of UNEF and UNTSO:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Austrian battalion:

(i) Position 102 (AMR 157-627): At 0920 two surface-to-air missiles fired by Egyptian forces at unidentified aircraft flying on east side (no overflight was involved).

(ii) Position 105 (AMR 265-379): 1/ At 1514 2/ machine-gun fire by Israel forces, which was immediately returned by Egyptian forces (exchange of fire). At 1524 fire ceased by both parties.

(iii) Position 101 (AMR 136-730): Between 1920 and 1922 machine-gun fire by Egyptian forces.

(iv) Position 103 (AMR 139-580): Between 1940 and 2000 sporadic machine-gun fire by Egyptian forces.

(b) Finnish battalion:

(i) Position 227 (AMR 549-166): At 0433 small arms fire by Egyptian forces. Machine-gun fire was immediately returned by Israel forces (exchange of fire). At 0435 fire ceased by both parties.

(ii) Position 201 (AMR 504-930): At 1114 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by unidentified forces.

(iii) Position 212 (AMR 272-291): Between 1515 and 1524 and between 1557 and 1558 exchanges of machine-gun fire by Egyptian and Israel forces (it was not possible to determine which party commenced or ceased firing first).

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

(iv) Position 211 (AMR 586-254): Between 1750 and 1813, between 1917 and 2007, and between 2222 and 2330 sporadic small arms and machine-gun fire, all by Egyptian forces.

(v) Position 222 (AMR 559-154): At 2225 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by unidentified forces.

(c) Irish battalion:

(i) Position 502 (AMR 393-046): Between 0400 and 0445 sporadic mortar and machine-gun fire, and at 1715 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by Israel forces. At 0915 two surface-to-air missiles, and between 1820 and 1825 sporadic machine-gun fire by Egyptian forces.

(ii) Position 501 (AMR 443-186): Between 0405 and 0425 mortar fire by Egyptian forces. Between 0703 and 0715, between 0723 and 0740, between 1814 and 1855, and between 1915 and 2015 sporadic small arms fire, all by Egyptian forces.

(d) Swedish battalion:

(i) Position 1101 (AMR 286-809): At 0241 and at 2208 machine-gun fire, both of which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces.

(ii) Position 1104 (AMR 168-795): At 0248 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces.

(iii) Position 1103 (AMR 727-869): At 0346 small arms fire and at 2210 machine-gun fire, both of which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces.

(iv) Position 1109 (AMR 732-872): At 0608 small arms fire, and at 0950 and 1112 machine-gun fire, all of which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces. At 0723 small arms fire, which ceased immediately, by unidentified forces.

(v) Position 1102 (AMR 268-813): At 0610 small arms fire and at 1940 machine-gun fire, both of which ceased immediately, by Israel forces. At 1930 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces.

(vi) Position 1105 (AMR 282-808): At 0925 five surface-to-air missiles fired by Egyptian forces (no aircraft was seen). At 1504 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by Israel forces.

(vii) Position 1106 (AMR 273-811): At 1157 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by unidentified forces. At 1202 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces. Between 1943 and 1946 machine-gun fire by Israel forces.

(viii) Position 1107 (AMR 325-787): At 2009 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces.

(e) UNTSO Patrols:

(i) Patrol 12 (AMR 7455-9005): Between 0400 and 0422 artillery fire and between 0826 and 0830 small arms fire, all by unidentified forces.

(ii) Patrol 16 (AMR 7305-8270): Between 0753 and 0800 small arms and machine-gun fire by unidentified forces. At 1514 small arms and machine-gun fire by Israel and Egyptian forces (exchange of fire; it was not possible to determine which party commenced or ceased firing first). At 1525 fire ceased by both parties.

(iii) Patrol 13 (AMR 7529-8763): Between 0930 and 0938 four anti-tank missiles by Egyptian forces.

(iv) Patrol KCC (Kantara Control Centre) Rabah (AMR 7355-8205): At 1115 three surface-to-air missiles fired by Egyptian forces (no aircraft was observed).

(v) Patrol 25 (AMR 7762-8289): Between 1413 and 1435 machine-gun fire by Israel forces.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) Finnish battalion:

(i) Position 201: At 0915 one unidentified jet aircraft flying south to north over position was first observed south of position and last observed north of position (confirmed by Position 211; identification of aircraft type and nationality was not possible due to high altitude).

(ii) Position 228 (AMR 552-173): At 1050 two Israel jet aircraft flying south to north over position were first observed south of position and last observed north of position. At 1051 one Israel jet aircraft flying north to south over position was first observed north of position and last observed south of position.

(b) Irish battalion:

(i) Position 502: At 0915 one Israel jet aircraft flying west to east over position was first observed west of position and last observed east of position.

3. Complaints by the parties:

(a) Complaints have been received from Egypt alleging that on 29 December:

(i) Between 0910 and 0945 Israel forces opened fire in area 19 kilometres east of Ismailia.

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(ii) Between 1710 and 1730 Israel forces opened machine-gun fire in area 16 kilometres north-east of Ismailia.

The above complaints were not confirmed by United Nations observation.

(b) Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that:

On 26 December:

(i) At 1150 Egyptian forces opened artillery fire 12 kilometres west-north-west of Fayid (AMR 7410-8450).

(ii) At 1215 Egyptian forces opened heavy artillery fire 6 kilometres south-east of former OP Silver.

(iii) At 1315 Egyptian forces opened artillery fire 17 kilometres west-north-west of Fayid.

(iv) At 1315 Egyptian forces opened fire 13 kilometres south-south-west of Fayid.

(v) At 1350 Egyptian forces opened artillery fire 15 kilometres south of Abu Suweir.

(vi) At 1423 Egyptian forces moved forward north of Ayun Musa (13 kilometres south-east of Suez).

(vii) At 1545 Egyptian forces moved forward east of Ayun Musa.

(viii) At 1620 Egyptian forces opened fire 15 kilometres south-west of Fayid.

(ix) At 1855 Egyptian forces opened fire 18 kilometres west of Fayid.

(x) At 1910 Egyptian forces opened fire 5 kilometres south-west of Ismailia.

(xi) At 1926 Egyptian forces opened fire 15 kilometres north-east of Ismailia.

(xii) At 2020 Egyptian forces moved forward 18 kilometres west of Kabrit.

(xiii) At 2255 Egyptian forces opened fire one kilometre south-east of former OP Hotel.

(xiv) At 2300 Egyptian forces opened fire 7 kilometres east-north-east of former OP Yellow.

On 27 December:

(xv) At 0054 Egyptian forces opened fire 7 kilometres east-north-east of former OP Yellow.

(xvi) At 0445 Egyptian forces opened heavy artillery fire 8 kilometres north-east of former OP Yellow.

(xvii) At 0841 Egyptian forces opened fire 10 kilometres east-north-east of former OP Pink.

(xviii) At 0955 Egyptian forces opened fire 4 kilometres south-east of Kilometre 101 on the Cairo-Suez Road.

(xix) At 1220 Egyptian forces opened heavy artillery fire 17 kilometres west-north-west of Fayid.

(xx) At 1340 Egyptian forces opened artillery fire 16 kilometres south of Fayid.

(xxi) At 1455 Egyptian forces opened fire 5 kilometres south of Kilometre 101 on the Cairo-Suez Road.

(xxii) At 1500 Egyptian forces opened artillery fire one kilometre east of former OP Orange.

(xxiii) At 1650 Egyptian forces opened fire at Kilometre 140 on the Cairo-Suez Road.

(xxiv) At 2040 Egyptian forces opened fire at Kilometre 139 on the Suez Canal.

The above complaints were not confirmed by United Nations observation. However, complaints (iii) and (xix) may be related to the incidents reported in documents S/11057/Add.178, para. 1 (a) (ii) and S/11057/Add.181, para. 1 (a) (i) and (ii) respectively.
