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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 4 January 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Khiam: 1/ Between 0137 2/ and 0140 artillery fire by Israel forces into Lebanon.

(b) OP Mar: Between 0430 and 1500 Israel forces personnel and vehicles reoccupied position at AMR 2004-2904 3/ west of border pillar 33. Between 1503 and 1511 mortar fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line. Between 1644 and 1650 artillery fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line (confirmed by OP Ras).

(c) OP Ras: Between 0505 and 1453 Israel forces personnel and vehicles reoccupied position at AMR 1907-2749 north of border pillar 19. Between 1218 and 1222 artillery fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line. Between 1713 and 1718 artillery fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line.

(d) OP Hin: Between 0650 and 1500 Israel forces personnel reoccupied position at AMR 1799-2788 near border pillar 11.

2. Reports on air activity:

OP Khiam: Between 0805 and 0809 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south to north turning west then south, first observed south-east of OP and last observed south-west of OP, crossed into Lebanon south-east of OP and recrossed the armistice demarcation line south-west of OP Ras.

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- 1/ The locations of the observation posts are given in document S/11057.
2/ All times GMT.
3/ AMR - approximate map reference.

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Lebanon alleging that:

(a) On 3 and 4 January one Israel forces patrol consisting of two armoured personnel carriers penetrated Lebanese territory in the region of Chebaa (AMR 2200-3055) and after firing some automatic weapon bursts occupied position at AMR 2211-3045 throughout the day.

(b) On 3 January between 2000 and 2100 several rounds of mortar fire from Israel territory fell in the Lebanese regions of Wadi Bassil (AMR 1750-2810), Salhani (AMR 1787-2815), Jabal Blat (AMR 1775-2798), El Quouzah (AMR 1820-2807), and Chebaa. Material damage was reported.

(c) On 4 January mortar and artillery rounds from Israel territory fell at 0135 on El Majidiye (AMR 2117-2987); at 0320 on Blida (AMR 1985-2827) and El Manhale (AMR 196-282); at 1235 on Yaroun (AMR 1897-2761); at 1505 on Mhaibib (AMR 1975-2842); at 1640 on Kfar Chouba (AMR 2150-3035), Abou Qamha (AMR 2120-3095), Kfar Hamam (AMR 2137-3053), Deir Mimess (AMR 2010-3006) and Ett Taibe (AMR 1988-2977). at 1715 on Aitaroun (AMR 1944-2802) and Mhaibib; and at 1845 on Aitaroun and Mhaibib. Material damage was reported.

(d) On 4 January between 0820 and 0825 two Israel forces jet aircraft overflew the Lebanese regions of El Khiam (AMR 2075-3035), Nabatiye (AMR 1958-3090) and Ett Taibe.

Complaint (d) was confirmed by United Nations observation although there is a discrepancy in time (paragraph 2 above refers). Complaint (c) was confirmed by United Nations observation except for damage and instances of firing at 0320 on Blida and at 1845 on Aitaroun and Mhaibib (paragraphs 1 (a), 1 (b) and 1 (c) above refer). Complaints (a) and (b) were not confirmed by United Nations observation.
