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

The following report on the situation on 10 January 1974 in the Egypt-Israel sector is based on information received from the headquarters of UNEF and UNTSO:

1. General assessment of the situation:

Activity increased again on 10 January, particularly in the Suez area and near Irish Battalion Position 502 (AMR 393-046) 1/ and Swedish Battalion Position 1121 (AMR 390-065). There was a total of seven exchanges of fire, one initiated by Israel forces, three by Egyptian forces and three unidentified. In addition, there was a total of 10 incidents not involving exchange of fire, six by Israel forces, nine by Egyptian forces and seven unidentified.

Activity increased substantially in the Suez area with heavy exchanges of fire involving all types of weapons (see interim report in S/11057/Add.219).

Tension continued in the area of Positions 502 and 1121 with a total of 10 incidents occurring throughout the day.

2. Reports on ground activity (firings):

(a) Austrian battalion:

- (i) Position 104 (AMR 732-834): At 1243 2/ machine-gun fire by Egyptian forces and immediately afterwards machine-gun fire by Israel forces (exchange of fire). At 1255 both parties ceased firing. At 1620 machine-gun fire by Israel forces and at 1621 machine-gun fire by Egyptian forces (exchange of fire). At 1635 both parties ceased firing.

1/ AMR - approximate map reference. It should be noted that UNTSO has been using the Egyptian Red Grid system, but UNEF, for technical reasons, has had to adopt temporarily the Universal Transverse Mercator system. UNEF will change to the Egyptian Red Grid system as soon as the required maps are available.

2/ All times GMT.

- (ii) Position 101 (AMR 136-730): Between 2102 and 2140 and between 2201 and 2217 machine-gun fire by Israel forces.
- (b) Finnish battalion:
 - (i) Battalion headquarters and Position 201 (AMR 504-030): See interim report in S/11057/Add.219.
 - (ii) Position 224 (AMR 553-154): At 1710 mortar fire, which ceased immediately, by Egyptian forces.
- (c) Irish battalion:
 - (i) Position 502: Between 0005 and 0015 machine-gun fire by Egyptian forces. Between 0805 and 0855 mortar fire and between 0930 and 0940 machine-gun fire by unidentified forces. Identification was not possible owing to distance and terrain. Between 1030 and 1035 machine-gun fire by Israel forces. Between 1045 and 1050 mortar fire by Egyptian forces. Between 1140 and 1145 mortar fire by unidentified forces. Identification was not possible owing to distance. Between 1245 and 1250 mortar fire by Egyptian forces. Between 2015 and 2030 and between 2050 and 2100 machine-gun fire by unidentified forces. Identification was not possible owing to darkness.
 - (ii) Position 501 (AMR 443-186): Between 0704 and 0720 machine-gun fire and between 0800 and 0855 mortar fire by Egyptian forces.
- (d) Swedish battalion:
 - (i) Position 1109 (AMR 732-872): Between 0836 and 0905 sporadic machine-gun fire by Israel forces.
 - (ii) Position 1121: Between 1035 and 1047 sporadic artillery fire by Egyptian forces.
- (iii) Position 1104 (AMR 168-795): Between 1246 and 1250 small-arms fire by Egyptian forces. Between 1315 and 1345 intense machine-gun fire by Egyptian and Israel forces (exchange of fire; it was not possible to determine which party commenced or first ceased firing owing to distance from position).
- (e) UNTSO Patrols:
 - (i) Patrol 21 (AMR 7530-9130): Between 0805 and 0842 mortar fire by unidentified forces. Identification is not possible owing to distance.
 - (ii) Patrol 24 (AMR 7580-7940): At 0833 machine-gun and mortar fire by Egyptian forces and immediately afterwards machine-gun, tank, mortar and artillery fire by Israel forces (exchange of fire). At 1200 both parties ceased firing.

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- (iii) Patrol 26 (AMR 7800-8000): Between 1020 and 1157 sporadic artillery fire by unidentified forces. Identification was not possible owing to distance and terrain.
- (iv) Patrol 17 (AMR 7570-7950): Between 1234 and 1312 artillery fire by Israel forces.
- (v) Patrol 15 (AMR 7326-8347): Between 1622 and 1657 machine-gun fire by Egyptian forces.

3. Reports on ground activity (movement forward):

(a) Finnish battalion: Position 227 (AMR 549-166): Egyptian forces still occupy advanced positions (see S/11057/Add.215, para. 3). Further negotiations were scheduled for 11 January.

(b) Swedish battalion: Position 1121: At 1340 Egyptian forces placed an Egyptian flag in no-man's land approximately 500 metres forward of their forward defended localities. Daylight investigation was scheduled for 11 January.

4. Complaints by the parties:

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

On 9 January:

- (i) At 0945 Israel forces opened artillery fire 25 kilometres west-south-west of Fayid.
- (ii) At 1200 Israel forces opened machine-gun fire 20 kilometres south of Fayid.
- (iii) At 1330 Israel forces opened tank fire 22 kilometres west of Fayid.
- (iv) At 1350 Israel forces opened artillery fire 10 kilometres east of El Shallufah (8 kilometres north of Suez).
- (v) At 1350 Israel forces opened tank fire 22 kilometres west of Fayid.
- (vi) At 1400 Israel forces opened small-arms fire 10 kilometres south-east of El Ballah.

On 10 January:

- (vii) At 0545 Israel forces opened small-arms fire 15 kilometres north-west of El Shallufah.

Complaints (ii) and (vi) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.218, para. 2 (a), (ii) and para. 2 (c), (i)). Complaints (i), (iii) and (v) were not confirmed by United Nations observation but may be related to the incidents reported in S/11057/Add.218, paragraph 2 (a), (i). Complaints (iv) and (vii) were not confirmed by United Nations observation.

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- (b) Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that on 9 January:
- (i) At 0400 and 0635 Egyptian forces opened fire south-west of Fayid.
 - (ii) At 0445 Egyptian forces moved forward east of kilometre 134 of the Suez Canal.
 - (iii) At 0603 Egyptian forces opened heavy artillery fire east of kilometre 58 of the Suez Canal.
 - (iv) At 0830 and 1145 Egyptian forces opened heavy artillery fire west of Fayid.
 - (v) At 0910 Egyptian forces opened heavy artillery fire south-west of Fayid.
 - (vi) At 1030 Egyptian forces opened heavy artillery fire north-west of Fayid.
 - (vii) At 1135 Egyptian forces opened fire south-west of Adabiya.
 - (viii) At 1210 Egyptian forces opened fire south of Adabiya.
 - (ix) At 1234 Egyptian forces opened heavy artillery fire east of El Ballah.
 - (x) At 1330 and 1445 Egyptian forces opened heavy artillery fire 15 kilometres west of Fayid.

Complaints (v), (viii) and (x) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.218, para. 2 (a), (i) and (iii) and para. 2 (b), (i)). Complaint (iv) was not confirmed by United Nations observation but may be related to the incidents reported in S/11057/Add.218, paragraphs 2 (a), (i) and (ii). The other complaints were not confirmed by United Nations observation.

5. Firing on or close to United Nations installations and personnel:

Finnish battalion: See S/11057/Add.218, paragraph 2 (b).

