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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 13 January 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), 1/ Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-3065), and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0745 2/ and 0747 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1145 and 1159 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1214 and 1231 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1238 and 1423 artillery fire by Israel forces and between 1322 and 1430 artillery fire by Syrian forces (exchange of fire).

(b) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040), and Patrol 41 (AMR 2367-3026): Between 0859 and 0917 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 0934 and 1105 artillery and tank fire by Israel forces and artillery, mortar, rocket and tank fire by Syrian forces (exchange of fire). Between 1124 and 1200 tank fire by Israel and Syrian forces (exchange of fire). Between 1150 and 1159 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1200 and 1345 machine-gun and small-arms fire by unidentified forces south-east of Patrol 41 location.

(c) OP Seven (AMR 2203-2408): Between 0925 and 0952 machine-gun fire by Israel forces.

(d) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736), OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), OP Five (AMR 2290-2787) and Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 0937 and 1000 artillery fire by Syrian forces. At 0950 mortar fire, which ceased immediately, by unidentified forces east-north-east of OP. Between 1300 and 1406 artillery fire by Israel and Syrian forces (exchange of fire).

(e) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2952), and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 1029 and 1030 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1041 and 1440 artillery fire by Israel and Syrian forces (exchange of fire). Between 1301 and 1316 rocket fire by Israel forces.

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

2. Cease-fire proposals:

(a) At 1027 cease-fire was proposed for the general area of Sassa Salient to commence at 1130. Both parties accepted. However firing continued.

(b) At 1320 a second cease-fire was proposed for the same general area to commence at 1430. Both parties accepted and firing ceased at 1440. (Paragraph 1 (e) above refers.)

3. Complaints by the parties:

(a) Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that on 13 January:

- (i) At 0620 Syrian forces moved forward east of Tell Aantar (AMR 2518-2827).
- (ii) At 0735 Syrian forces opened fire east of Tell Aantar.
- (iii) At 0858 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire east of Kafe Nasse (AMR 2475-2842).
- (iv) At 0950 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire at Mazraat Beit Jinn (AMR 2358-3015).
- (v) At 0950 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire east of Beit Jinn (AMR 2322-3023).
- (vi) At 1015 Syrian forces moved forward east of Mazraat Beit Jinn.
- (vii) At 1020 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire at Tell Aakacha (AMR 2310-2708).
- (viii) At 1030 Syrian forces opened fire east of Beit Jinn.
- (ix) At 1030 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire south-east of Tell Ech Chams (AMR 2431-2955).
- (x) At 1045 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire at Tell Ech Chams (AMR 2421-2955).
- (xi) At 1100 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire south-east of Mazraat Beit Jinn.
- (xii) At 1240 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire at Tell Ech Chams.
- (xiii) At 1245 and 1320 Syrian forces opened fire in Tell Ech Chams area.
- (xiv) At 1343 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire at Tell Qrine (AMR 2493-2855).

(xv) At 1400 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire south-east of Tell Ech Chams.

(b) Complaint (ii) was confirmed by United Nations observation although there is a discrepancy in time (see paragraph 1 (a) above). Complaints (iv), (v), (viii) and (xi) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see paragraph 1 (b) above). Complaint (ix) (see paragraph 1 (e) above), and complaints (xiv) and (xv) were also confirmed (see paragraph 1 (a) above). The other complaints were not confirmed by United Nations observation.

