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The following information has been received from the Chief of Staff of UNTSO regarding the situation in the Israel-Syria sector on 18 April 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814) 1/ and Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 0325 2/ and 0357 tank fire by Israel forces and anti-tank missiles by Syrian forces (exchange of fire in the Patrol 33 area; United Nations Military Observers were unable to determine which side commenced or ceased firing first). Between 0325 and 0421 mortar fire and between 0333 and 0430 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 0344 and 1455 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0350 and 0510 artillery fire, between 0354 and 0359 mortar fire and between 0407 and 0409 anti-tank missiles by Syrian forces. Between 0558 and 0611, between 0659 and 0740 and between 0841 and 0958 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0856 and 0916 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 1025 and 1141 mortar fire, between 1143 and 1155 artillery fire, between 1241 and 1254 tank fire, between 1315 and 1330 and between 1351 and 1432 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1417 and 1455 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 1550 and 1603 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1607 and 1627 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(b) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736), OP Five (AMR 2290-2787) and Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 0330 and 1000 artillery fire and between 0328 and 0359 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0345 and 0730 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0635 and 0645 mortar fire, between 0645 and 0735 tank fire and between 0857 and 0911 mortar fire by Israel forces. Artillery fire by Israel forces at 0909 and by Syrian forces at 0910 (exchange of fire in the OP Two area); firing ceased by Syrian forces at 0919 and by Israel forces at 0920. Between 0915 and 0917 rocket fire, between 0930 and 0942 artillery fire, between 0933 and 0940 mortar fire and between 1100 and 1428 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1300 and 1345 mortar fire and between 1302 and 1445 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1304 and 1305 rocket fire by Syrian forces.

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

(c) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0346 and 0638 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0554 and 0608 mortar fire, between 0645 and 0648 rocket fire and between 0659 and 0743 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0721 and 0744 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0805 and 0807 rocket fire by Syrian forces. At 0818 artillery fire by Israel forces and at 0829 artillery fire by Syrian forces (exchange of fire in the Patrol 34 area); firing ceased by Israel forces at 0913 and by Syrian forces at 0920. Between 0832 and 1006 mortar fire and between 0835 and 1010 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0854 and 0910 mortar fire and between 0917 and 1012 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0952 and 0954 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 1003 and 1005 mortar fire, between 1100 and 1219 artillery fire and between 1101 and 1226 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1119 and 1304 artillery fire, between 1200 and 1305 mortar fire, between 1324 and 1330 and between 1407 and 1420 artillery fire by Syrian forces. At 1643 and ceasing immediately rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 2003 and 2010 machine-gun and small-arms fire by unidentified forces north of Patrol 44.

(d) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), Patrol 38 (2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2353-3005): Between 0455 and 1030 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0545 and 1000 sporadic rocket fire and between 0744 and 1012 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1643 and 1701 artillery fire by unidentified forces north-east of Patrol 32.

(e) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), OP Four (AMR 2327-2596) and OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621): Between 0549 and 0645 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0730 and 0828 artillery fire and between 0740 and 0810 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0800 and 0850 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1025 and 1110 artillery fire and at 1027 anti-tank missile fire, which ceased immediately, by Syrian forces. Between 1030 and 1105 mortar fire and between 1045 and 1115 tank fire by Israel forces. At 1138 artillery fire by Israel forces and at 1140 artillery fire by Syrian forces (exchange of fire in the OP Uniform area); firing ceased by Syrian forces at 1210 and by Israel forces at 1220. Between 1140 and 1550 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1243 and 1357 mortar fire and between 1315 and 1340 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1416 and 1452 mortar fire and between 1417 and 1440 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 1438 and 1441 and between 1502 and 1506 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1451 and 1503 and between 1555 and 1605 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1520 and 1546 and between 1945 and 1947 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(f) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 0820 and 0836 mortar fire and between 0848 and 0858 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0825 and 0855 artillery fire, between 0830 and 1045 mortar fire and between 0924 and 1045 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1005 and 1014 mortar fire and between 1005 and 1052 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1125 and 1155 and between 1216 and 1310 mortar fire and between 1217 and 1315 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1322 and 1440 artillery fire and between 1409 and 1418 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1401 and 1412 artillery fire and between 1420 and 1448 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1642 and 1720 artillery and rocket fire by Syrian forces.

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(g) Patrol 36 (AMR 2347-3126): Between 0744 and 0747 and between 0801 and 1010 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0850 and 0855 and between 0910 and 1030 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0945 and 0955 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1225 and 1346 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1306 and 1346 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(h) OP Romeo (AMR 2294-2459): Between 1419 and 1453 and between 1550 and 1620 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1540 and 1542 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1816 and 1948 artillery fire by Israel forces.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) Patrol 36 (AMR 2347-3126): At 0952 (two strikes observed) and at 1000, 1022 and 1043 (one strike each time) unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs and rockets target north of patrol location (confirmed by Patrols 32 and 38). At 1113 unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs and rockets target south of patrol location. At 1202 unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs and rockets target north-east of patrol location. At 1221 unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs and rockets target west-north-west of patrol location. At 1254 unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs and rockets target south-west of patrol location. At 1256 unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs and rockets target west-north-west of patrol location. At 1328 unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs and rockets target west of patrol location. In all cases UNMOs were unable to identify the targets due to the inability of the patrol to move closer to their locations. Aircraft could not be identified because of the distance and of the fact that they used a flight path north of the patrol location behind Mount Hermon, and also because during the air attacks UNMOs were under cover in view of the proximity of strikes.

(b) Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 1501 and 1502 four Syrian forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs and cannons Israel positions west and south-west of the patrol location (two strikes observed). Confirmed by Patrol 33 and OP Five.

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that on 17 April:

- (i) At 0725 a Syrian helicopter crossed the forward defended localities in the Mount Hermon area.
- (ii) At 0730 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell Aantar (AMR 2518-2827) area.
- (iii) At 0830, 0915 and 1253 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell El Farass (AMR 2313-2632) area.
- (iv) At 0955 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the area of Mazraat Beit Jinn (AMR 2358-3015).

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Complaint (iii) was confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.414, para. 1 (e)). Complaint (iv) was also confirmed (see S/11057/Add.414, para. 1 (a)). The other complaints were not confirmed.

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

OP Uniform: At 1216 one round of Israel forces artillery fire impacted within 30 metres of the OP site. No injuries or damage was reported.
