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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 Chief of Staff of UNTSO regarding the situation in the Israel-Syria sector on 22 April 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Uniform (AMR 1/ 2366-2621), OP Three (AMR 2308-2678) and OP Four (AMR 2327-2596): Between 0240 2/ and 0255 artillery fire by Israel forces. Machine-gun fire by Israel forces at 0815 and by Syrian forces at 0817 (exchange of fire in the OP Uniform area); firing ceased by Syrian forces at 0822 and by Israel forces at 0825. Between 0815 and 1155 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0905 and 0925 and between 1010 and 1140 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1229 and 1230, between 1321 and 1340 and between 1425 and 1558 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1250 and 1545 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(b) Patrol 36 (AMR 2347-3126): Between 0307 and 0318 and between 0720 and 0958 artillery fire and between 0713 and 0722 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1027 and 1100 artillery fire by unidentified forces west-south-west of patrol location. Between 1354 and 1412 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1430 and 1504 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(c) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040), and Patrol 41 (AMR 2353-3005): Between 0522 and 0620 and between 0645 and 0656 mortar fire, between 0638 and 0714 and between 0923 and 0948 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0713 and 0720 machine-gun fire, between 0908 and 1059 and between 1220 and 1229 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1422 and 1455 artillery fire, between 1614 and 1637 and between 1651 and 1652 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1555 and 1603 and between 1630 and 1642 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(d) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0747 and 1045, between 1115 and 1231, between 1248 and 1324 and between 1405 and 1432 artillery fire, between 0955 and 1047, between 1227 and 1332 and between 1406 and 1427 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1055 and

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1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

1132, between 1155 and 1255, between 1315 and 1322, between 1351 and 1429, between 1525 and 1535 and between 1624 and 1627 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1535 and 1547 artillery fire, between 1635 and 1649 mortar fire and between 1635 and 1652 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(e) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814) and Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 0750 and 1100, between 1245 and 1310 and between 1303 and 1310 mortar fire, between 1125 and 1205 and between 1323 and 1405 tank fire by Syrian forces. Between 0815 and 1210, between 1220 and 1435, between 1515 and 1545 and between 1657 and 1710 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1602 and 1607 mortar fire, between 1615 and 1616 rocket fire by Syrian forces.

(f) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736), OP Five (AMR 2290-2787) and Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 0819 and 0916, between 0935 and 1026, between 1110 and 1131, between 1212 and 1215 and between 1240 and 1252 artillery fire and between 0906 and 0920 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0850 and 0904 and between 0921 and 0928 mortar fire, between 0914 and 1245 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1414 and 1530 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1515 and 1600 and between 1641 and 1710 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(g) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2892) and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 0921 and 1015 and between 1040 and 1118 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0933 and 1032, between 1450 and 1505, between 1552 and 1558 and between 1620 and 1710 artillery fire, between 1642 and 1646 mortar fire, between 1702 and 1703 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 1522 and 1540 artillery fire, between 1525 and 1540 mortar fire, between 1615 and 1716 artillery fire by Israel forces.

## 2. Complaints by the parties:

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

On 19 April:

- (i) At 0300 and 1735 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Mount Hermon.
- (ii) At 0845, 0930 and 1220 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell El Farass area (AMR 2313-2632).
- (iii) At 0945 and 1500 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Kefar Nasse area (AMR 2475-2842).
- (iv) At 1015 and 1150 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell Ech Chams area (AMR 2430-2950).

On 20 April:

- (v) At 0940 Syrian forces opened artillery fire south of OP Four.
- (vi) At 1137, 1605, 1730 and 1916 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Mount Hermon.
- (vii) At 1405 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the area of OP Three.

Complaints (ii), (iii), (v) and (vii) were confirmed by United Nations observation. (See S/11057/Add.418, para. 1 (c) and (d)). The other complaints were not confirmed.

(b) Complaints have been received from Syria alleging that on 19 April:

- (i) At approximately 1000, 1015, 1020 and 1030 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed the area of Qalaat Jenndal (AMR 2390-3140).
- (ii) At approximately 1010 and 1110 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed the area of AMR 2320-3140 on Mount Hermon.
- (iii) At approximately 1215, 1340 and 1345 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed the area of former OP November.
- (iv) At approximately 1220 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed the area of Bqaassem (AMR 2380-3180).
- (v) At approximately 1310 and 1320 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed the area of former OPs Sierra and November.
- (vi) At approximately 1357 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed the area of Tell Ej Jabiye (AMR 2435-2588).

Complaints (v) and (vi) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.418, para. 2 (a) and (j)). Complaint (iii) was not confirmed but may be related to the incident reported in S/11057/Add.418, para. 2 (a). The other complaints were not confirmed.

### 3. Firing on or close to United Nations installations:

Patrol 43: Between 0803 and 0830 several rounds of artillery fire by Syrian forces impacted within 100 metres north of patrol location. No injury or damage reported.

### 4. UNTSO inquiry on complaint:

With reference to complaint in S/11057/Add.414, para. 4, the Chief of Staff of UNTSO authorized an inquiry to be conducted by United Nations military observers.

The inquiry took place on 21 April from 0830 to 0930 (inquiry was delayed due to shelling near the area from 18 to 20 April). A representative of the Senior Syrian Arab Delegate accompanied the inquiry team.

The United Nations military observers conducting the inquiry examined the evidence presented to them and interviewed witnesses in the village of Arne (AMR 2320-3089).

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Witnesses stated that in the early afternoon of 17 April from 15 to 20 high explosive rounds impacted near a school in the village. Witnesses also stated that one boy had been slightly wounded and that a civilian vehicle had been damaged.

The military observers conducting the inquiry observed that artillery and mortar rounds had impacted in the village and that a school had been damaged by these impacts. Approximately 15 impact areas were observed and vehicle fragments found near one of the areas. No wounded civilians were observed. Military positions were seen on the edge of the village.

Based on results of the above inquiry, the complaint is confirmed in so far as artillery and mortar rounds impacted in the village and resulted in damage to a school in the village.

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