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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 28 April 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) ^{1/} and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2951): Between 0020 ^{2/} and 0030 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0808 and 0814 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0832 and 0858 mortar fire, between 1045 and 1059, between 1345 and 1405 artillery fire and between 1848 and 1856 artillery and rocket fire by Syrian forces.

(b) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814) and Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 0115 and 0210 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0725 and 0841 rocket fire, between 0730 and 0801, between 0823 and 0835 and between 0934 and 1155 artillery fire, between 0748 and 0815, between 0900 and 0910 and between 1005 and 1141 mortar fire, between 0822 and 0827 and between 1140 and 1205 recoilless rifle fire by Syrian forces. Between 0815 and 0859 artillery fire and between 1506 and 1529 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1230 and 1412 and between 1453 and 1455 rocket fire, between 1255 and 1410 and between 1530 and 1625 artillery fire and between 1523 and 1541 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

(c) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0140 and 0209 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0806 and 0910 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0807 and 0945 artillery fire and between 0856 and 0910 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1412 and 1422 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(d) Patrol 36 (AMR 2347-3126): Between 0718 and 0720, between 0759 and 1110, between 1135 and 1140 and between 1200 and 1228 artillery fire, between 1147 and 1212 and between 1257 and 1303 rocket fire by Syrian forces. At 0718 and at 0940, between 1042 and 1125 and between 1212 and 1217 rocket fire and between 0719 and 1325 artillery fire by Israel forces.

^{1/} AMR - approximate map reference.

^{2/} All times GMT.

(e) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736), OP Five (AMR 2290-2787) and Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 0727 and 0746, between 0815 and 0830, between 0902 and 0904, between 1020 and 1021 and between 1130 and 1135 rocket fire, between 0815 and 0844, between 0940 and 1200 and between 1535 and 1605 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0605 and 1013, between 1056 and 1135, between 1536 and 1604 and between 1620 and 1630 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1340 and 1428 and between 1500 and 1555 rocket fire, between 1420 and 1427 artillery fire and between 1515 and 1537 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

(f) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), OP Four (AMR 2327-2596) and OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621): Between 0814 and 1047, between 1116 and 1147, between 1240 and 1253 and between 1526 and 1623 artillery fire, between 1443 and 1444 rocket fire and between 1503 and 1553 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0825 and 1145, between 1312 and 1340 and between 1529 and 1553 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(g) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2353-3005): Between 0820 and 0830, between 1045 and 1054, between 1259 and 1350 and between 1411 and 1431 mortar fire and between 1030 and 1125 rocket fire and between 1630 and 1715 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0836 and 0933 between 1000 and 1030, between 1135 and 1140 and between 1322 and 1500 artillery fire, between 1048 and 1055 rocket fire and between 1118 and 1456 mortar fire and between 1848 and 1855 mortar and rocket fire by Syrian forces.

(h) OP Romeo (AMR 2294-2459): Between 1815 and 1847 and between 2000 and 2010 mortar fire by Israel forces. At 1934 machine-gun fire by Israel forces patrol and at 1940 machine-gun fire by Syrian forces patrol (exchange of fire); firing ceased by both parties at 1945.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) Patrol 38: Between 0642 and 0645 two unidentified jet aircraft, flying south-east to north-west, turning west then south-south-west, were first and last observed west of patrol location. Between 0715 and 0716 and between 0717 and 0718 one unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs and rockets unidentified targets in the Mount Hermon area; United Nations military observers were unable to identify the aircraft or the targets owing to distance.

(b) Patrol 32: Between 0936 and 0939 and between 0949 and 0950 two unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs and rockets (two strikes each time) unidentified target in the Mount Hermon area; United Nations military observers were unable to identify the aircraft owing to altitude and distance or targets owing to dead ground. Between 1010 and 1011 and 1149 and 1150 two Israel jet aircraft attacked with bombs (two strikes each time) Syrian forces positions north-west of patrol location. Between 1035 and 1036 one Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs Syrian forces positions north-west of patrol location (two strikes observed). Between 1013 and 1017 one Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-west to north-east, turning north then west, was first observed south-west of patrol location and last observed north-west of patrol location.

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(c) Patrol 35: Between 0957 and 0958, between 1004 and 1005 and between 1028 and 1029 one unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs unidentified targets in the Mount Hermon area; United Nations military observers were unable to identify the aircraft owing to altitude or the targets owing to dead ground. Between 1145 and 1147 four Syrian forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs Israel forces positions in the Mount Hermon area.

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Syria alleging that:

On 27 April:

- (i) At approximately 0430 Israel forces opened mortar fire in the area of Patrol 36.
- (ii) At approximately 0430 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the Mount Hermon area.
- (iii) At approximately 0815 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 38 and Patrol 32.
- (iv) At approximately 0840 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 34.
- (v) At approximately 0925 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 34.
- (vi) At approximately 1025 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 36.
- (vii) At approximately 1030 Israel forces opened artillery fire on civilian traffic in the area of Saasa (AMR 2458-2998).
- (viii) At approximately 1050 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of the Syrian village of Baqassam (AMR 2378-3123).
- (ix) At 1220 Israel forces shelled the area of the Syrian village of Rime (AMR 2340-3100) and the village of Derbol (AMR 2350-3064). As a result, one civilian was seriously wounded. An inquiry is requested.

On 28 April:

- (x) At approximately 0710 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed Syrian positions in the area of Mount Hermon (AMR 2350-3160).
- (xi) At approximately 0710 Israel forces opened artillery fire against the Syrian village of Rime.

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- (xii) At approximately 0745 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed Syrian positions in the area of Mount Hermon.
- (xiii) At approximately 0745 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 33.
- (xiv) At approximately 0808 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 37 and Patrol 33.
- (xv) At approximately 0810 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 33.
- (xvi) At approximately 0830 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 33.
- (xvii) At approximately 0905 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 34.

Complaints (v), (viii), (xiv), (xv) and (xvi) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.435, para. 1 (c) and (d) and para. 2 (b) and (e) above). The other complaints were not confirmed. The Chief of Staff of UNTSO authorized an inquiry to be conducted on complaint (ix).

4. Firing on or close to United Nations installations:

OP Two: Between 1131 and 1158 eight rounds of artillery fire by Syrian forces impacted within 15 metres of OP. No injury or damage was reported.
