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Further report on the status of the cease-fire
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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 29 April 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814) 1/ and Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 0100 and 0115 2/ mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0505 and 0510 machine-gun fire by unidentified forces east of Patrol 43.

(b) OP Romeo (AMR 2294-2459): At 0331 machine-gun fire by Israel forces and by Syrian forces; firing ceased by both parties at 0334 (exchange of fire; UNMOs could not determine which side commenced or ceased firing first). Between 0401 and 0406 mortar fire by Israel forces.

(c) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2353-3005): Between 0605 and 0930 and between 1230 and 1619 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0750 and 1230 and between 1513 and 1610 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0758 and 0914, between 1048 and 1051 and between 1525 and 1532 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0800 and 1232, between 1412 and 1550 and between 1750 and 1955 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1258 and 1305 mortar fire by unidentified forces west of Patrol 38. Between 1400 and 1535 tank fire by Israel forces.

(d) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), OP Four (AMR 2327-2596) and OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621): Between 0709 and 0714 machine-gun fire by unidentified forces north-east of OP Three. Between 1214 and 1359 artillery fire and between 1320 and 1337 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1335 and 1400 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(e) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0742 and 0812, between 0924 and 0948 and between 1057 and 1138 artillery fire by Israel forces.

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

(f) Patrol 36 (AMR 2347-3126): Between 0746 and 0803 and between 0903 and 0933 artillery fire by unidentified forces west of patrol location. Between 0755 and 0807 and between 1030 and 1053 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 1035 and 1115 and between 1414 and 1419 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1235 and 1309 artillery fire by unidentified forces south-west of patrol location. Between 1421 and 1430 artillery fire by unidentified forces west of patrol location.

(g) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2951): Between 0800 and 0840 and between 1514 and 1545 artillery fire by Syrian forces. At 0800 artillery fire by Syrian forces and at 0830 artillery fire by Israel forces (exchange of fire in the Patrol 42 area); firing ceased at 1202 by Israel forces and at 1527 by Syrian forces. Between 1450 and 1540 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(h) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736), OP Five (AMR 2290-2787) and Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 1320 and 1344 and between 1502 and 1542 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1335 and 1340 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) Patrol 32: Between 0322 and 0336 two Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs Syrian positions north-north-west of patrol location (two strikes). Between 0622 and 0625 two unidentified jet aircraft, flying south-west to north-north-east, then turning west, were first observed south-west of patrol location and last observed north of patrol location. Between 0715 and 0736 two Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs Syrian forces positions north of patrol location (five strikes).

(b) OP Romeo: Between 0646 and 0647 one unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs north-north-east of OP (one strike); UNMOs were unable to identify aircraft or target owing to distance and altitude.

(c) Patrol 36: Between 1017 and 1018 four Syrian forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs Israel forces positions west of patrol location (one strike). Between 1302 and 1335 unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs targets east of patrol location (10 strikes); UNMOs were unable to identify aircraft or targets owing to distance.

3. Firing on or close to United Nations installations:

Patrol 38: Between 1250 and 1305 four rounds of unidentified mortar fire impacted within 10 metres of patrol location. No injuries to personnel or damage were reported.

4. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Syria alleging that on 28 April:

(i) At 0940 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of OP Uniform.

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- (ii) At 0945 and at 0950 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed the area of AMR 2320-3140 and the Patrol 36 area.
- (iii) At 0953 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of former OP November.
- (iv) At 1000, 1005 and 1015 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed the area of AMR 2320-3140
- (v) At 1005 Israel forces opened mortar fire on the village of Qalaat-Jendel (AMR 2398-3140).
- (vi) At 1030 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed the area of Patrol 33.
- (vii) At 1110 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 37.
- (viii) At 1110 Israel forces opened mortar fire in the area of Patrol 37.
- (ix) At 1110 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of former OP November (AMR 2316-2564).
- (x) At 1255 Israel forces opened tank fire in the area of Patrol 38.
- (xi) At 1355 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of OP Uniform.
- (xii) At 1510 Israel forces opened mortar fire in the area of the village of Bqaasem (AMR 2377-3123).

Complaints (i), (ii), (iv) and (vii) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.437, para. 1 (e) and (f) and para. 2 (b)). The other complaints were not confirmed
