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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 1 May 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), 1/ Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0220 2/ and 0735 artillery fire, between 0230 and 0417 and between 0710 and 0733 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0537 and 0814 artillery fire, between 0800 and 0825 mortar fire by Israel forces. At 0543 mortar fire by Syrian and Israel forces (exchange of fire in the Patrol 35 area, it was not possible to determine which side fired first); firing ceased at 0550 by Syrian forces and at 0614 by Israel forces. Between 0815 and 0828 and between 0921 and 1038 artillery fire, between 0923 and 0940 mortar fire, between 1136 and 1155 artillery fire, between 1214 and 1512 rocket fire and between 1312 and 1523 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1253 and 1429 mortar fire, between 1255 and 1355 and between 1434 and 1512 artillery fire by Israel forces. At 1458 artillery fire by Israel forces and at 1520 artillery fire by Syrian forces (exchange of fire in the Patrol 35 area); firing ceased at 1521 by Israel forces and at 1547 by Syrian forces.

(b) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2353-3005): Between 0240 and 0450 and between 1528 and 1551 artillery fire and between 1400 and 1515 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0632 and 1205 and between 1223 and 1523 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1445 and 2400 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1526 and 1530 mortar fire, between 1526 and 2400 artillery fire and between 1925 and 2035 machine-gun fire by Israel forces.

(c) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814) and Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 0510 and 0618 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0550 and 0620 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1250 and 1517 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1446 and 1455 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

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1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

(d) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736), OP Five (AMR 2290-2787) and Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 0518 and 0542 and at 0600 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(e) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2951): Between 0625 and 0900 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0925 and 0930 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1029 and 1035 artillery fire, between 1030 and 1038 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1205 and 1215 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1225 and 1524 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1310 and 1413 and between 1936 and 2035 artillery fire and between 1935 and 2035 machine-gun fire by Syrian forces.

(f) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), OP Four (AMR 2327-2596) and OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621): At 0840 artillery fire, which ceased immediately, by Israel forces.

(g) Patrol 36 (AMR 2347-3126): Between 0909 and 1047 and between 1152 and 1204 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

2. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that on 29 April:

- (i) At 0110 Syrian forces opened artillery fire east of OP Five.
- (ii) At 0120 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Uom Batne area (AMR 2345-2812).
- (iii) At 0125 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Jaba area (AMR 2369-2852).
- (iv) At 0700 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell Mashara area (AMR 2398-2832).
- (v) At 0725 and 2345 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Mazraat Beit Jinn area (AMR 2358-3015).
- (vi) Between 1115 and 1130 Syrian forces jet aircraft attacked in the Mount Hermon area.
- (vii) At 1305 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell El Farass area (AMR 2313-2632).
- (viii) At 1345 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the OP Two area.
- (ix) At 2115 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Mount Hermon area.
- (x) At 2315 Syrian forces opened artillery fire 25 kilometres south of Uom Batne.

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Complaint (ii) was confirmed by United Nations observation; however there are discrepancies in times and weapons used (see S/11057/Add.439, para. 1 (a)). The other complaints were not confirmed.

3. Firing on or close to United Nations installations:

Patrol 42: Between 1940 and 2035 several rounds of Syrian forces machine-gun fire impacted within 10 metres of the patrol location. No injuries to personnel or damage were reported.

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