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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 2 May 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

- (a) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), 1/ Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2353-3005): Artillery fire, which commenced at 1445 2/ by Syrian forces and at 1526 by Israel forces on 1 May (see S/11057/Add.443, para. 1 (b)), ceased at 0230. UNMOs were unable to determine which side stopped firing first owing to darkness. Between 0207 and 0210 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 0244 and 0303 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0425 and 0650 artillery fire and between 0534 and 0536 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0502 and 0616 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0711 and 0722, between 0904 and 0915, between 1006 and 1040 and between 1131 and 1225 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0836 and 0900 mortar fire and between 1020 and 1200 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1345 and 1538 artillery fire by Syrian forces.
- (b) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2951): Between 0500 and 0610, between 0829 and 0920 and between 0955 and 1012 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0600 and 0625 and between 0858 and 1005 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1245 and 1255 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1422 and 1555 and between 2215 and 2345 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1425 and 1630 artillery fire by Israel forces.
- (c) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0534 and 0535, between 0636 and 0638, between 0750 and and 0830 and between 0920 and 0928 artillery fire, between 0930 and 1005 mortar fire and between 1308 and 1315 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 0955 and 1220 mortar fire, between 1505 and 1518 artillery fire and between 1550 and 1619 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 1603 and 1645 artillery fire by Syrian forces.
- (d) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814) and Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 0620 and 0725, between 0752 and 0806, between 1010 and 1150 and between 1213 and 1253

^{1/} AMR - approximate map reference.

^{2/} All times GMT.

artillery fire, between 0730 and 0750, between 1152 and 1242 and between 1340 and 1342 mortar fire, between 0830 and 0835, between 0856 and 0859 and between 0920 and 0924 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 0625 and 0636 and between 1208 and 1330 mortar fire, between 0742 and 1012 and between 1029 and 1312 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1451 and 1557 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1512 and 1550 mortar fire and between 1550 and 1557 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

- (e) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736), OP Five (AMR 2290-2787) and Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 0751 and 0804, between 1043 and 1044 and between 1304 and 1341 mortar fire, between 0806 and 0840 rocket fire and between 0806 and 1716 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0841 and 0844 and between 1243 and 1558 artillery fire by Israel forces.
- (f) Patrol 36 (AMR 2477-3143): Between 0758 and 0817 artillery fire, between 0801 and 0803 and between 0913 and 0915 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 0835 and 1137 and between 1320 and 1340 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1300 and 1330 artillery fire by Syrian forces.
- (g) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), OP Four (AMR 2327-2596) and OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621): Between 0800 and 0850 mortar fire, between 0922 and 0930 rocket fire and between 0941 and 1115 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0848 and 0900 and between 1015 and 1115 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1152 and 1715 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1258 and 1430 artillery fire by Israel forces.

2. Reports on air activity:

- (a) Patrol 32: Between 0637 and 0639 one Israel forces jet aircraft, flying east to west, turning south, was first observed north-east of patrol location and last observed north-west of patrol location.
- (b) Patrol 36: Between 0926 and 0931 one Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs unidentified targets on Mount Hermon (three strikes). Between 0947 and 0948 one Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs unidentified targets on Mount Hermon (two strikes). Anti-aircraft fire by Syrian forces. Between 1006 and 1007 one Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs unidentified targets on Mount Hermon (two strikes).

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that on 30 April:

- (i) At 0315 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell Aakcha area (AMR 2310-2708).
- (ii) Between 0200 and 0250 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Harfa area (AMR 2352-2967).

- (iii) At 0740 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the OP Three area.
- (iv) At 0930 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell Es Seqi area (AMR 2280-2520).
- (v) At 1305 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell Sabsaba area (AMR 2460-2890).
- (vi) At 1335 and 1530 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Mazraat Beit Jinn area (AMR 2358-3015).
- (vii) At 1515 Syrian forces opened tank fire in the Tell Es Seqi area.
- (viii) At 1550 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Ramat Magshimim area (AMR 2278-2886).
 - (ix) At 2311 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the OP Seven area (AMR 2203-2408).

The following complaints were confirmed by United Nations observation: complaint (ii) (see S/11057/Add.441, para. 1 (a)); complaints (iii), (iv) and (viii) (see S/11956/Add.441, para. 1 (c)); and complaint (vi) (see S/11057/Add.441, para. 1 (b)). The other complaints were not confirmed.

4. Firing on or close to United Nations installations:

Patrol 38: Between 0540 and 0553 four rounds of artillery fire by Israel forces impacted within 100 metres of patrol location. No injuries were reported. One power wagon was destroyed, windows of the living caravan were blown out, a radio mast and the liaison officer's hut were damaged.