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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 4 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): Between 0407 2/ and 0700 and between 0725 and 0758 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0435 and 0445 mortar fire, between 0446 and 0447 artillery fire and between 0553 and 0554 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 0620 and 0632 and between 0654 and 0747 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0630 and 0640, between 0743 and 0753 and between 0848 and 0930 mortar fire, between 0637 and 0653, between 0727 and 0747 and between 0924 and 1010 rocket fire, between 0638 and 1104 artillery fire by Syrian forces.
- (b) Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2951): Between 0415 and 0515 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1650 and 1802, between 1950 and 2048 and between 2124 and 2206 artillery fire by Syrian forces.
- (c) OP Four (AMR 2327-2596) and OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621): Between 0716 and 0815 artillery fire, and between 0748 and 0806 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0750 and 0904 mortar fire, between 0807 and 0918, between 1017 and 1125 and between 1317 and 1605 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0829 and 0835 mortar fire, between 0847 and 0943, between 1005 and 1125, between 1240 and 1419 and between 1430 and 1615 artillery fire by Syrian forces.
- (d) OP Romeo (AMR 2294-2459): Between 0722 and 0857, between 1032 and 1100 and between 1240 and 1452 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) Patrol 32: Between 0700 and 0702 one Israel forces jet aircraft and

^{1/} AMR - approximate map reference.

^{2/} All times GMT.

one unidentified jet aircraft, flying south-east to north-east, then turning west, were first observed west of patrol location and last observed north-west of patrol location.

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Syria alleging that:

On 2 May:

- (i) At 0001 and at 1050 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790).
- (ii) At 0745, 0800, 0835, 1005 and at 1055 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814).
- (iii) At 0820 Israel forces opened artillery fire on the villages of Ain El Borj (AMR 2400-3130), Hine (AMR 2380-3006) and Katana (AMR 2510-3155).
- (iv) At 0845 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 37.
- (v) At 0855 Israel forces opened artillery fire on the village of Katana.
- (vi) At 0920 and at 1009 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed Syrian positions in the area of Mount Hermon.
- (vii) At 0925 Israel forces jet aircraft bombed Syrian positions in the area of Qalaat Jenndal (AMR 2390-3140).
- (viii) At 1015 and at 1050 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Kissoue (AMR 2660-3070).
 - (ix) At 1055 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of OP Uniform.

On 3 May:

- (x) At 1025 Israel forces opened artillery fire on the village of Kfar Haour (AMR 2416-3072); two civilians were wounded. An inquiry was requested.
- (xi) At 1115 Israel forces opened artillery fire on the village of Saasa (AMR 2458-2996), causing damage to a children's school. An inquiry was requested.
- (xii) At 1210 Israel forces opened artillery fire on the village of Moughr El Mir (AMR 2402-3017); one civilian was wounded. An inquiry was requested.

Complaints (ii), (iv) and (ix) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.445, para. 1 (d), (e) and (d) respectively). Complaint (iv) was confirmed (see S/11057/Add.445, para. 2 (b)). The other complaints were not confirmed. With reference to complaints (x), (xi) and (xii), the Chief of Staff of UNTSO has authorized inquiries to be conducted by United Nations Military Observers.