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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 Acting Chief of Staff of UNTSO with regard to the situation in the Israel-Syria sector on 27 January 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Uniform: 1/ Between 1000 2/ and 1049 artillery fire by Syrian forces (confirmed by OPs Three and Four).

(b) Patrols 34 (AMR 2534-2937), 3/ 35 (AMR 2526-2851) and 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 1050 and 1119 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1155 and 1513 artillery fire by Israel forces and between 1205 and 1502 artillery fire by Syrian forces (exchange of fire). Between 1315 and 1350 mortar fire and between 1346 and 1405 tank fire by Israel forces.

(c) Patrols 31 (AMR 2449-2952) and 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 1202 and 1220 and between 1345 and 1415 artillery fire by Israel forces and between 1325 and 1410 artillery fire by Syrian forces (exchange of fire). Between 1207 and 1413 mortar fire by Syrian forces and between 1313 and 1418 mortar fire by Israel forces (exchange of fire).

(d) Patrols 32 (AMR 2345-3054), 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and 41 (AMR 2367-3026): Between 1204 and 1415 artillery and mortar fire by Israel forces and between 1230 and 1430 and between 1505 and 1525 artillery fire by Syrian forces (exchange of fire). Between 1221 and 1300 and between 1355 and 1400 tank fire by Syrian forces and between 1223 and 1345 and between 1443 and 1515 tank fire by Israel forces (exchange of fire). Between 1446 and 1447 rocket fire by Syrian forces.

(e) Patrols 33 (AMR 2444-2814) and 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 1204 and 1430 and between 1455 and 1525 artillery fire by Israel forces and between 1235 and 1425 artillery and mortar fire by Syrian forces (exchange of fire).

1/ The locations of the observation posts are given in document S/11057.

2/ All times GMT.

3/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(f) OPs Two, Three and Five: Between 1207 and 1255 and between 1345 and 1415 artillery fire by Israel forces and between 1210 and 1313 and between 1353 and 1358 artillery fire by Syrian forces (exchange of fire).

2. Cease-fire proposals:

At 1232 cease-fire was proposed for the general area of Sassa salient to commence at 1330. Both parties accepted, but firing continued. At 1335 a second cease-fire was proposed for the same general area to commence at 1430. Both parties accepted. Nevertheless, firing continued until 1525 (see para. 1 (d) and (e) above).

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that on 26 January:

(a) At 1045 Syrian forces opened artillery fire east of Kafer Nassej (AMR 2475-2842).

(b) At 1045 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Tell Es Seqi area (AMR 2280-2520).

(c) At 1110 Syrian forces opened artillery fire north-east of Kafer Nassej.

(d) At 1245 Syrian forces opened artillery fire at Tlou El Fatma (AMR 2456-2908).

(e) At 1330 and 1400 Syrian forces opened artillery fire 3 kilometres north-west of Kafer Nassej.

Complaints (a), (b), (d) and (e) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.264, subpara. (b)). Complaint (c) was not confirmed by United Nations observation.

4. Firing on or close to United Nations installations and personnel:

Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054): Between 1230 and 1315 five Israel forces mortar rounds impacted within 50 metres of patrol location. No injuries or damage sustained (see para. 1 (d) above).

