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Further report on the status of the cease-fire  
in the Middle East

The Chief of Staff of UNTSO has reported that, in addition to the recurrent incursions near border pillars 11, 19, and 33 (S/11057/Add.424, para. 2), the following developments took place in the Israel-Lebanon sector on 4 May 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

OP Khiam: 1/ Between 1955 2/ and 2010 artillery fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line (ADL). Between 2019 and 2030 mortar fire by Israel forces across the ADL.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) OP Khiam: Between 0621 and 0631 five unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs unidentified targets north-east of OP (five strikes observed); United Nations Military Observers were unable to identify aircraft or targets, owing to high speed and low altitude of the aircraft and distance to the targets. Between 0705 and 0706 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-east to north-west, were first observed south-east of OP and last observed north-west of OP. Between 0709 and 0710 one unidentified jet aircraft, flying north to south, was first observed over OP and recrossed the ADL south of OP.

(b) OP Ras: Between 0827 and 0828 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-south-east to north-north-west, were first observed over OP and last observed north-north-west of OP.

(c) OP Mar: Between 0843 and 0844 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-south-west to north-north-east, were first observed west of OP and last observed north of OP.

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Lebanon alleging that:

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

2/ All times GMT.

- (i) On 30 April between 1045 and 1450 an Israel engineering unit with transport penetrated into Lebanese territory in the vicinity of Chebaa (AMR 2200-3055) <sup>3/</sup> and carried out works and laid mines in the areas of AMR 2195-3045 and AMR 2200-3043. An inquiry was requested by the Lebanese authorities.
- (ii) On 3 May from 1115 to 1600 an Israel forces mechanized patrol penetrated into Lebanese territory in the vicinity of Chebaa and occupied a position at AMR 2198-3052.
- (iii) On 3 May from 1400 to 1500 Israel forces jet aircraft overflew Lebanese territory in different regions in several passes of three to six aircraft on each overflight.
- (iv) On the night of 3/4 May intermittent artillery and automatic weapons fire from Israel territory and rocket fire from Israel aircraft fell in the vicinity of Aalma Ech Chaab (AMR 1675-2786), Chebaa, Rachaiya El Foukhar (AMR 2127-3065), El Hebbariye (AMR 2154-3077), El Khraibe (AMR 2104-3048), El Meri (AMR 2103-3028), Mimes (AMR 2170-3135), Kfair Ez Zait (AMR 2192-3145), Marj Ez Shour (AMR 2197-3189), Ainaata (AMR 2228-3156) and Ebel Es Saqi (AMR 2088-3065). Material damage was reported.
- (v) On 4 May between 0425 and 0445 artillery fire from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Chebaa. Material damage was reported.
- (vi) Between 0617 and 0625 the Lebanese village of Marj Ez Shour and its vicinity was subjected to rocket fire by four Israel forces phantoms. Material damage was reported.
- (vii) On 4 May between 0705 and 0710 two Israel forces jet aircraft overflew the Lebanese regions of Marjayoun (AMR 2056-3074), Jezzine (24 kilometres north-north-west of OP Khiam), Nabayiye (AMR 1958-3020) and Ett Taibe (AMR 1988-2977).
- (viii) On 4 May at 0545 intermittent artillery fire coming from Israel territory fell on the Lebanese main road at AMR 2193-3054 south-west of Chebaa, stopping all vehicular traffic. Material damage was reported.

Complaint (iii) and (iv) were confirmed by United Nations observation except for damage by air attacks (see S/11057/Add.449, para. 1 and para. 2 (b) and (c)). Complaint (vi) and (vii) were confirmed except for damage by air attacks (see para. 2 (a) above). The other complaints were not confirmed; the area of the alleged incidents was not within the range of the United Nations observation. The Chief of Staff of UNTSO authorized an inquiry to be conducted by United Nations military observers on complaint (i).

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<sup>3/</sup> AMR - approximate map reference.

4. Summary of inquiry:

An inquiry was conducted by two United Nations Military Observers into the Lebanese complaint of 30 April (see para. 3 (i) above). The inquiry took place on 2 May 0745 and 0905. No evidence of mining was observed. The complaint could not be confirmed; however between 0808 and 0857 during the period of the inquiry, fifteen Israel forces construction vehicles were seen on the road between AMR 2187-3038 and AMR 2195-3045.

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