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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 9 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 0310 2/ and 1251 artillery fire and between 1315 and 1415 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0523 and 1205 artillery fire and between 1404 and 1452 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1515 and 1540 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

(b) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0625 and 0907 artillery fire, between 0635 and 0640 mortar fire, between 0635 and 0658 tank fire and between 0802 and 0803 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 0627 and 0628 tank fire, between 0658 and 0951, between 1045 and 1144 and between 1154 and 1655 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0918 and 0948, between 1003 and 1012, between 1105 and 1127 and between 1224 and 1334 artillery fire and between 1415 and 1455 machine-gun fire, between 1511 and 1530 and between 1550 and 1646 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(c) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814) and Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 0628 and 0811 artillery fire and between 1105 and 1110 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0634 and 0635 artillery fire and between 0640 and 0656 mortar fire by unidentified forces. Between 1030 and 1140 and between 1225 and 1307 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1155 and 1202 and between 1452 and 1535 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1445 and 1520 and between 1605 and 1627 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(d) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2951): Between 0640 and 0718, between 0825 and 0931, between 0950 and 1038, between 1222 and 1409, between 1450 and 1527 and between 1545 and 1635 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0750 and 0858, between 0928 and 1012, between 1202 and 1335 and between 1455 and 1635 artillery fire by Israel forces.

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1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

(e) Patrol 36 (AMR 2500-3150): Between 0855 and 1123 artillery fire and between 0900 and 0901 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 0920 and 0925 and between 0947 and 1224 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(f) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), OP Four (AMR 2327-2596) and OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621): Between 1440 and 1540 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1458 and 1505 and between 1457 and 1600 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(g) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736): Between 1456 and 1519 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1519 and 1546 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

4. Complaints by the parties:

(a) Complaints have been received from Syria alleging that on 8 May:

- (i) At 0715, 0925 and 1310 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621).
- (ii) At 0725 and 0745 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 35.
- (iii) At 0755 and 0830 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 34.
- (iv) At 0830 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 36.
- (v) At 0850 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of former OP November (AMR 2316-2564).
- (vi) At 1515 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 34.

Complaints (i), (ii) and (iii) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.458, para. 1 (c) and (d)). The other complaints were not confirmed.

(b) Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that on 8 May:

- (i) At 0200 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Mazraat Beit Jinn area (AMR 2358-3015).
- (ii) At 0700 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the areas of Tell Farass (AMR 2313-2632) and Tloul El Fatma (AMR 2356-2908).
- (iii) At 0725 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the areas of Tell Meraai (AMR 2513-2913), Tell Qrine (AMR 2493-2855) and Tloul El Fatma.
- (iv) Between 0730 and 0830 and at 1340 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Nahal-Geshor area (AMR 2251-2623).

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- (v) At 0750 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Himrite area (AMR 2445-2879).
- (vi) At 0910 and at 1230 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on the peak of Mount Hermon.
- (vii) At 1000 and at 1240 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell Farass area.
- (viii) At 1305 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Ramat Magshimim area (AMR 2280-2501).
- (ix) At 1600 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the OP Two area.
- (x) At 1730 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Nahal Geshor area.
- (xi) At 1935 and 2115, between 2030 and 2130 and between 2230 and 2355 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Mount Hermon area.

Complaints (ii), (iii), (iv), (vi), (vii) and (viii) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.458, para. 1 (a), (c), (d) and (e)). The other complaints were not confirmed; observation was not possible in the case of complaints (i), (x) and (xi) owing to darkness.

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