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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 17 May 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814) ^{1/} and Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 0600 ^{2/} and 0634 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0630 and 0940 artillery fire and between 0630 and 1412 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0710 and 0834 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 0712 and 0742 and between 0900 and 0924 mortar fire and between 0840 and 0940 and between 1040 and 1055 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1030 and 1100 and between 1130 and 1420 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1100 and 1112 and between 1210 and 1325 mortar fire and between 1230 and 1342 and between 1418 and 1500 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1328 and 1330 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 1503 and 1658 mortar fire, between 1504 and 1540 and between 1612 and 1705 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1614 and 1732 mortar fire and between 1652 and 1704 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(b) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0603 and 0619 and between 0713 and 0752 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0747 and 0803 artillery fire and between 0750 and 0845 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0835 and 0950 and between 1044 and 1157 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0859 and 1033 and between 1143 and 1200 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0927 and 0931 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 1206 and 1405 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1209 and 1317 and between 1410 and 1411 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(c) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), OP Four (AMR 2327-2596) and OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621): Between 0608 and 0619, between 0650 and 0759 artillery fire, and between 0645 and 0710 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0634 and 0823 artillery fire and between 0635 and 0720 artillery and mortar fire by Israel forces. Between

^{1/} AMR - approximate map reference.

^{2/} All times GMT.

0811 and 1105, between 1154 and 1308 and between 1249 and 1436 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0900 and 1156 and between 1248 and 1410 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1050 and 1051 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 1143 and 1155 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1145 and 1207 and between 1333 and 1435 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1444 and 1635 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1515 and 1516 and between 1610 and 1611 anti-tank missiles fire by Syrian forces.

(d) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736), OP Five (AMR 2290-2787) and Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 0610 and 0620 tank fire and between 0611 and 0845 artillery fire, and between 0650 and 0845 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0630 and 0850 mortar fire and between 0740 and 0944 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0744 and 0814 and between 1028 and 1029 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 0900 and 0944, between 1005 and 1135 and between 1224 and 1522 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1035 and 1125 and between 1228 and 1650 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1545 and 1700 mortar fire and between 1647 and 1656 tank fire by Syrian forces.

(e) Patrol 32 (AMR 2350-3067), Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2354-3004): Between 0613 and 1645 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0815 and 0904 and between 1047 and 1210 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0842 and 0954 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 1312 and 1503 and between 1523 and 1635 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1536 and 1537 rocket fire and between 1924 and 1945 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(f) OP Romeo (AMR 2294-2459): Between 0705 and 0900, between 1019 and 1055 and between 1130 and 1157 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0734 and 0806 and between 0930 and 0950 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(g) Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 0855 and 0905 and between 1245 and 1250 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0901 and 0910, between 1034 and 1200 and between 1400 and 1520 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1648 and 1705 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(h) Patrol 36 (AMR 2500-3150): Between 1130 and 1145 artillery fire by Israel forces.

2. Reports on air activity:

Patrol 32: Between 0639 and 0641 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south to north, turning south-west, were first and last observed west of patrol location. Between 0653 and 0655 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south to north, were first and last observed north-west of patrol location.

3. Complaints by the parties:

(a) Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that on 15 May:

(i) At 0640 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell El Farass (AMR 2313-2632).

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- (ii) At 0705 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Ramat Magshimin (AMR 2278-2886).
- (iii) Between 1130 and 1145 and at 1500 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell Ech Chams (AMR 2430-2950).
- (iv) At 1145 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the area south-west of Qunaitra.
- (v) At 1200 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Harfa (AMR 2352-2967).
- (vi) At 1250 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell Ech Chams.
- (vii) At 1400 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Harfa area.
- (viii) At 1930 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Khane-Erennbe (AMR 2330-2880).

On 16 May:

- (ix) At 0715 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Tell Aiyoub (AMR 2400-2880) area.
- (x) Between 0800 and 0830 and at 0840 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell Ech Chams.
- (xi) At 0900, at 0935 and at 1045 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Maraat Beit Jinn (AMR 2353-3015) area.
- (xii) At 0920 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Ain Ziouane (AMR 2668-2780) area.
- (xiii) At 0955 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Harfa area.
- (xiv) At 1050 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell El Farars.
- (xv) At 1450 and at 1710 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Mount Hermon.

Complaints (i), (iii) and (v) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.472, para. 1 (b), (e) and (a)). Complaints (x), (xi), (xii), (xiii) and (xiv) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.474, para. 1 (c), (a), (d), (a) and (f)). Complaints (ii), (iv), (vi), (vii) and (ix) were not confirmed by United Nations observation. Complaints (viii) and (xv) were not confirmed by United Nations observation because of darkness and distance.

(b) Complaints have been received from Syria alleging that on 16 May:

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- (i) At 0815 Israel forces opened artillery fire on the village of Bqassem (AMR 2320-3120) destroying some houses. An inquiry was requested.
- (ii) At 1115 Israel forces opened artillery fire on the village of Beitima (AMR 2430-2080) causing civilian casualties, including one death, and the destruction of some houses. An inquiry was requested.

The Chief of Staff of UNTSO has authorized inquiries to be conducted into above complaints.
