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Further report on the status of the cease-fire
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The following information has been received from the Chief of Staff of UNTSO regarding the situation in the Israel-Syria sector on 23 May 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 32 (AMR 2350-3067), 1/ Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2354-3004): Between 0536 2/ and 0613 mortar fire and between 0607 and 1049 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0615 and 0653 and between 0940 and 1225 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0842 and 1442 mortar fire and between 1331 and 1521 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(b) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0625 and 1030 artillery fire, between 0633 and 1030 tank fire and between 0650 and 1015 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0650 and 0716 and between 0728 and 0844 artillery fire, between 0659 and 0739, between 1003 and 1025 tank fire, between 0805 and 0911 mortar fire and between 0945 and 1030 and between 1100 and 1432 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1106 and 1235 and between 1340 and 1618 artillery fire and between 1512 and 1604 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1445 and 1519 and between 1520 and 1650 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(c) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814) and Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 0635 and 1816 and between 0835 and 1210 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0805 and 0842 and between 1405 and 1433 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1255 and 1321, between 1355 and 1425, between 1515 and 1516 and between 1603 and 1606 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(d) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 0635 and 0822 and between 1014 and 1025 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0835 and 0845 and between 1540 and 1624 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1258 and 1301, between 1427 and 1455 and between 1610 and 1623 artillery fire and between 1429 and 1437 and between 1603 and 1606 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

(e) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736), OP Five (AMR 2290-2787) and Patrol 27 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 0640 and 0700 and between 1444 and 1454 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1551 and 1625 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(f) Patrol 36 (AMR 2500-3150): Between 0946 and 1033 and between 1142 and 1205 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(g) Outstation Qunaitra (AMR 2277-2822): Between 1442 and 1459 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(h) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), OP Four (AMR 2327-2596) and OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621): Between 1445 and 1450, between 1618 and 1637 and between 1710 and 1720 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1550 and 1623 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(i) OP Romeo (AMR 2294-2459): Between 1445 and 1450 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

2. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that:

On 20 May:

- (i) At 0750 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the area of OP Two.
- (ii) At 0800 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell-Aiyoub area (AMR 2400-2880).
- (iii) At 0825 and 1120 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell El Mal area (AMR 2428-2819).
- (iv) At 0835 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Rafid area (AMR 2345-2625).
- (v) At 0925 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the area of OP Three.
- (vi) At 0950 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Ain Ziouane area (AMR 2268-2780).
- (vii) At 1025 and 1120 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Mount Hermon.
- (viii) At 1105 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the area of OP Five.
- (ix) At 1120 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell Hamed (AMR 2477-2832).
- (x) At 1120 and 1310 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Kafer Nassej area (AMR 2475-2842).
- (xi) At 1255 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Kafer Nassej area.

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- (xii) Between 1215 and 1230 and at 1320 and 1425 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell Ech Chaar (AMR 2370-2860).
- (xiii) At 1400 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Im Rochniye area (AMR 2260-2670).
- (xiv) At 1430 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Jaba area (AMR 2369-2854).

On 21 May:

- (xv) Between 0700 and 0730 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell Ech Chams (AMR 2430-2950).
- (xvi) At 0730, 0830 and 1310 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Mazraat Beit Jin area (AMR 2358-3015).
- (xvii) At 0810 and 1025 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell Ech Chams.
- (xviii) Between 0830 and 1430 and at 1530 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Mount Hermon.
- (xix) At 1115 and 1515 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Harfa (AMR 2352-2967).
- (xx) At 1600 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Ramat Magshimin area (AMR 2278-2886).
- (xxi) At 1640 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell Es Seqi (AMR 2280-2520).
- (xxii) At 1745 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell Ech Chams.

On 22 May:

- (xxiii) At 0630 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the El Joukhadar area (AMR 2299-2594).
- (xxiv) At 0655 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell El Farass (AMR 2313-2632).
- (xxv) At 0715 and 0825 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell Es Seqi.
- (xxvi) At 0930 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell Aantar (AMR 2518-2827).
- (xxvii) At 0945 Syrian forces opened tank fire on Tell Es Seqi.
- (xxviii) At 1300 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell El Kroum (AMR 2355-2847).

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- (xxix) At 1300 and at 1530 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Jaba area (AMR 2369-2854).
- (xxx) At 1420 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Khane Erennbe area (AMR 2330-2880).
- (xxxii) At 1550 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the area of OP Four.
- (xxxiii) Between 1745 and 1815 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Mount Hermon.

Complaints (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (ix), (x), (xi), (xii), (xiii) and (xiv) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.482, para. 1 (a), (b), (c) and (e)). Complaints (xvi), (xvii), (xviii) and (xix) were confirmed (see S/11057/Add.484, para. 1 (a) and (b)). Complaints (xxiv), (xxv), (xxvi), (xxviii), (xxix) and (xxxii) were also confirmed (see S/11057/Add.486, para. 1 (a), (b), (d) and (e)). The other complaints were not confirmed.

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

On 21 May:

- (i) At 1500 Israel forces opened artillery fire on the village of Bqaassem (AMR 2377-3123), wounding six civilians and destroying four houses. An inquiry was requested.

On 22 May:

- (ii) At 0740, 0825 and 0920 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of OP Uniform.
- (iii) At 1020 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of former OP November (AMR 2316-2564).
- (iv) At 1535 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 33.
- (v) At 1535 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 37.
- (vi) At 1540 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of former OP Sierra (AMR 2312-2523).
- (vii) At 1555 Israel forces opened artillery fire in the area of Patrol 37.

The Chief of Staff of UNTSO authorized an inquiry to be conducted into complaint (i). Complaints (ii), (iv) and (vii) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.486, para. 1 (a), (e) and (f)). Complaints (iii), (v) and (vi) were not confirmed.
