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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 29 May 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Hin: 1/ Between 0600 2/ and 1310 10 Israel forces personnel crossed the armistice demarcation line (ADL) at AMR 1751-2781 3/ (maximum penetration 10 metres), between 0810 and 1315 five Israel forces personnel crossed the ADL at AMR 1775-2790 (maximum penetration 5 metres) and between 0910 and 1310 five Israel forces personnel crossed the ADL at AMR 1728-2774 (maximum penetration 10 metres), all working on reinforcement of fences along the ADL. Between 1921 and 1948, between 2025 and 2045 and between 2130 and 2156 mortar fire by Israel forces across the ADL.

(b) OP Ras: Between 0929 and 0948, between 2007 and 2035 and between 2131 and 2139 mortar fire, between 2021 and 2038 and between 2140 and 2203 artillery fire by Israel forces across the ADL.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) OP Lab: Between 0614 and 0623 four Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-east to north-west, then turning south-west, crossed the ADL east of OP and recrossed it west of OP (four overflights).

(b) OP Hin: Between 0838 and 0839 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying west-south-west to east-north-east, were first and last observed east-north-east of OP.

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

2/ All times GMT.

3/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(c) OP Khiam: Between 1444 and 1445 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying north to south, were first observed over OP and recrossed the ADL south of OP.

(d) OP Ras: Between 1533 and 1534 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying north-east to south-west, were first observed north-east of OP and recrossed the ADL south-west of OP.

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Lebanon alleging that:

On 28 May:

(i) Between 1120 and 1400 intermittent artillery fire from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Bent Jbail (AMR 1908-2805), Chebaa (AMR 2200-3055), Mimes (AMR 2170-3135), Kfar Ez Zait (AMR 2192-3145) and position at AMR 2179-3127. Material damage was reported.

During the night of 28/29 May:

(ii) Intermittent automatic weapons and artillery fire from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Yaroun (AMR 1897-2761), Rmaich (AMR 1847-2760), Aita Ech Chaab (AMR 1815-2780), Ain Ebel (AMR 1880-2795), Rachaf (AMR 1842-2830), Ain Qenia (AMR 2162-3113), Mimes, Khaoulet Bayada (AMR 2135-3100), Chouaiya (AMR 2172-3110), Abou Qamyah (AMR 2120-3095), Mrah Biri (AMR 2183-3086) and positions at AMR 2195-3042 and AMR 2184-3087. Material damage was reported.

On 29 May:

(iii) Between 0830 and 0850 two Israel forces jet aircraft overflew in several passes Lebanese territory in different regions.

Complaint (iii) was confirmed by United Nations observation (see para. 2 (b) above). Complaints (i) and (ii) were not confirmed.

4. Summary of inquiry:

An inquiry was conducted by United Nations military observers into the Lebanese complaint set forth in S/11057/Add.499, paragraph 3 (iii). The inquiry took place on 29 May from 0621 to 0650 between border pillar 26 (AMR 1974-2799) and border pillar 27 (AMR 1988-2800) and from 0740 to 0815 between border pillar 24 (AMR 1972-2770) and border pillar 25 (AMR 1972-2794). A representative of the Senior Lebanese Delegate accompanied the inquiry team.

The United Nations military observers conducting the inquiry interviewed witnesses and examined the evidence presented to them.

Witnesses in the area stated that Israel forces personnel began the construction of a barbed-wire fence inside Lebanese territory between border pillar 26 and border pillar 27 on 21 May. They also stated that Israel forces personnel warned the witnesses to stay away from the area. The military observers saw a four-strand barbed-wire fence 1.5 metres high, approximately 100 metres long, running at a 45-degree angle from the ADL in a tobacco field inside Lebanese territory between border pillar 26 and border pillar 27. The fence contained mine-warning signs in Hebrew. They also saw between border pillar 24 and border pillar 25 a rectangular fence around a field 500 metres long and 100 metres wide. The north, east and south portions of the fence consisted of 1.5-metre poles with four-strand barbed wire. The west portion consisted of single-strand barbed wire approximately 10 centimetres from the ground. Mine-warning signs were placed on all sides except the west. The east portion of the fence was located approximately 20 metres inside Lebanese territory.

Based on the results of the inquiry, the complaint is confirmed in so far as the construction of a fenced field, apparently for mines, approximately 100 metres inside Lebanese territory is concerned.