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

The Chief of Staff of UNTSO has submitted the following report on the situation in the Israel-Lebanon sector covering the period from 9 to 16 June 1974:

1. The level of incidents has markedly decreased as compared to the situation in May 1974 (see S/11057/Add.461 et seq). However, there was continued tension in the sector during the period under review.
2. Israel forces personnel continued to occupy daily, during daylight hours, three positions on the Lebanese side of the armistice demarcation line (ADL) near border pillars 11 (AMR 1799-2788), 1/ 19 (AMR 1907-2749) and 33 (AMR 2004-2904).
3. There were 46 cases of firing across the ADL, one of which involved an exchange of fire, and three crossing violations. They were as follows:
  - (a) OP Lab (AMR 1643-2772), south of the village of Labbouna, reported mortar fire by Israel forces on 9 and 10 June, small-arms fire by unidentified forces west of the OP on 9 June, machine-gun fire by Israel forces on 9, 10 and 11 June and artillery fire by Israel forces on 11 and 12 June. Two crossings by Israel forces personnel (maximum penetration 50 metres) were reported on 11 June.
  - (b) OP Hin (AMR 1770-2790), east of the village of Marouahine, reported mortar fire by Israel forces on 9, 11, 12 and 13 June, machine-gun fire by Israel forces on 9 June and artillery fire by Israel forces on 15 June. An exchange of mortar and machine-gun fire by Israel and unidentified forces was reported on 10 June; United Nations military observers were unable to determine which party commenced or ceased firing first owing to darkness.
  - (c) OP Ras (AMR 1920-2785), south-east of the village of Maroun Er Ras, reported artillery fire by Israel forces on 10 and 15 June and mortar fire by Israel forces on 16 June. One crossing by Israel forces personnel (maximum penetration 10 metres) was reported on 11 June.

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1/ AMR - approximate map reference (Palestine grid).

(d) OP Mar (AMR 1998-2921), south-east of the village of Markaba, reported artillery fire by Israel forces on 9 and 10 June, mortar fire by Israel forces on 10, 12, 13 and 14 June and machine-gun fire by Israel forces on 15 June.

(e) OP Khiam (AMR 2071-3025), south of the village of El Khiam, reported artillery fire by Israel forces on 13, 14 and 15 June.

4. One overflight by Israel forces jet aircraft was reported on 9 and 10 June, two on 11 and 16 June and one on 12, 13 and 14 June. Two overflights by Israel forces light aircraft dropping flares were reported on 12 June. One overflight by Israel forces helicopter was reported on 13 June. One overflight by unidentified light aircraft dropping flares was reported on 13 and 15 June; United Nations military observers were unable to identify aircraft owing to darkness.

5. The Lebanese authorities submitted 34 complaints during the period under review as follows:

(a) Ten complaints were submitted alleging that Israel forces fire fell on Lebanese territory. All of these complaints were confirmed by United Nations observation, except for damages. An inquiry was requested on one of the complaints (see para. 6 below).

(b) Seven complaints were submitted alleging Israel forces jet aircraft overflights. Six of these complaints were confirmed.

(c) Four complaints were submitted alleging Israel forces light aircraft overflights with flares. Two of these complaints were confirmed.

(d) Four complaints were submitted alleging that Israel forces warships violated Lebanese territory. None of these complaints was confirmed owing to darkness or because the locations of the alleged incidents were outside United Nations observation range.

(e) Eight complaints were submitted alleging that Israel forces patrols had penetrated Lebanese territory in the region of Chebaa (AMR 2200-3055). None of these complaints was confirmed because the locations of the alleged incidents were outside United Nations observation range.

(f) One complaint was submitted alleging Israel forces construction on Lebanese territory. An inquiry was requested (see para. 6 below).

6. Two inquiries were conducted by United Nations military observers during the period under review. The observers confirmed the Lebanese complaint in paragraph 5 (f) above with regard to the presence of an apparently recently installed structure inside Lebanese territory. The Lebanese complaint in paragraph 5 (a) above was confirmed only for the villages of Ebel Es Saqi (AMR 2088-3065) and Rachaya El Foukhar (AMR 2127-3065); the United Nations inquiry team could not reach the village of El Kharibe (AMR 2104-3048) because the road to the village was believed by Lebanese authorities to be mined.