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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 for the period from 1 to 7 July 1974:

1. The level of incidents dropped sharply and tension in the sector was markedly lower than during the preceding period.
2. Israel forces personnel continued to occupy daily, during daylight hours, three positions on the Lebanese side of the armistice demarcation line (ADL) near the border pillars 11 (AMR 1799-2788), 1/ 19 (AMR 1907-2749) and 33 (AMR 2004-2904).
3. There were eight cases of firing across the ADL and three crossing violations. They were as follows:
  - (a) OP Lab (AMR 1643-2772), south of the village of Labouna, reported machine-gun fire by Israel forces on 1 July, and one crossing by Israel personnel (maximum penetration 50 metres) on 4 July.
  - (b) OP Hin (AMR 1770-2790), east of the village of Marouahine, reported artillery fire on 3 and 4 July, and mortar fire on 3 July, all by Israel forces.
  - (c) OP Ras (AMR 1920-2785), south-east of the village of Maroun E Ras, reported mortar fire on 2 July, and artillery fire on 4 and 7 July, all by Israel forces, and one crossing by Israel forces personnel (maximum penetration 50 metres) on 2 July.
  - (d) OP Mar (AMR 1998-2921), south-east of the village of Markaba, reported one crossing by Israel forces personnel (maximum penetration 25 metres) on 7 July.
  - (e) OP Khiam (AMR 2071-3025), south of the village of El Khiam, reported mortar fire by Israel forces on 1 July.
4. Five overflights by Israel forces jet aircraft were reported on 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 July. One overflight by unidentified jet aircraft was reported on 2 July. United Nations observation was unable to identify aircraft owing to high altitude and clouds.

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

5. The Lebanese authorities submitted 20 complaints during the period under review, as follows:

(a) Five complaints were submitted alleging that Israel forces fire had fallen on Lebanese territory. Four of these complaints were confirmed by United Nations observation, except for damage.

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

(c) One complaint was submitted alleging that on 4 July Israel forces penetrated Lebanese territory in the vicinity of the village of Dheira (AMR 1708-2789) and further alleging that houses and farms were searched. The complaint was not confirmed.

(d) One complaint was submitted alleging that on 3 July two Israel forces warships penetrated Lebanese territorial waters off Sour (AMR 1690-2970) at a distance of approximately 1500-3000 metres from the coast. The complaint was not confirmed.

(e) Seven complaints were submitted alleging that an Israel forces patrol 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.

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