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

The following information has been received from the Acting Chief of Staff of UNTSO with regard to the situation in the Israel-Syria sector on 11 February 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), 1/ Patrol 41 (AMR 2367-3025) and Patrol 38 (AMR 2398-3040): Between 0720 2/ and 0730, between 0755 and 1042 and between 1810 and 1840 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0740 and 1004 mortar fire by Israel forces and between 0812 and 1004 mortar fire by Syrian forces (exchange of fire). Between 0843 and 0945 tank fire by Israel forces.

(b) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 0722 and 0728 and between 0918 and 1042 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0800 and 0830 and between 0913 and 1008 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0819 and 0900 artillery fire by Israel and Syrian forces (exchange of fire). Between 0843 and 1042 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

(c) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911) and Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852): Between 0805 and 0811 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0813 and 0835 and between 0934 and 1025 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0824 and 0900 tank fire by Syrian forces. Between 0824 and 0900 and between 0955 and 1010 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(d) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814), Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816), Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790), OP Five (AMR 2290-2787) and OP Two (AMR 2306-2736): Between 0840 and 1028 artillery fire by Israel and Syrian forces (exchange of fire). Between 1029 and 1043 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1253 and 1330 machine-gun and small-arms fire by Israel forces.

(e) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621) and OP Four (AMR 2327-2596): Between 0858 and 0913 tank fire by Israel and Syrian forces

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

(exchange of fire). Between 0900 and 1035 artillery and mortar fire by Syrian forces and artillery fire by Israel forces (exchange of fire).

(f) OP Romeo (AMR 2294-2459) and OP Seven (AMR 2203-2408): Between 0858 and 0910 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

2. Cease-fire proposal:

At 0910 a cease-fire was proposed to commence at 1000. It was accepted by the Senior Israel Representative at 0924. No acceptance was received from the Senior Syrian Arab Delegate. However, firing ceased at 1043.

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that on 11 February:

(a) At 0730, 0810, 0830, 1006 and 1035 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Mazraat Beit Jinn area (AMR 2358-3015).

(b) At 0730 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Harfa area (AMR 2352-2967).

(c) At 0730 and 0825 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell Ech Chams area (AMR 2430-2950).

(d) At 0810 and 0952 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire in the Tloul El Fatma area (AMR 2456-2908).

(e) At 0915, 0935, 0950 and 1040 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Quneitra area.

(f) At 0940 Syrian forces opened heavy artillery fire and Katyusha rockets on Kibbutz Ramat-Magshimin (3 kilometres south-west of former OP Sierra). A young woman at the kibbutz was killed.

Complaint (a) (see paragraph 1 (a) above), complaints (b) and (c) (see paragraph 1 (b) above), complaint (d) (see paragraph 1 (c) above) and complaint (e) (see paragraph 1 (d) above) were confirmed by United Nations observation. Complaint (f) was not confirmed by United Nations observation.

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