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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 regarding the situation in the Israel-Lebanon sector on 18 February 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Khiam: 1/ Between 0435 2/ and 0455 mortar fire by Israel forces into Lebanon.

(b) OP Mar: Between 0530 and 1533 Israel forces personnel and vehicle reoccupied position at AMR 2004-2904 3/ west of border pillar 33. Between 2300 and 2318 artillery fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line.

(c) OP Ras: Between 0550 and 1525 Israel forces personnel reoccupied position at AMR 1907-2749 north of border pillar 19.

(d) OP Hin: Between 0615 and 1500 Israel forces personnel and vehicle reoccupied position at AMR 1799-2788 near border pillar 11. Between 2304 and 2334 artillery fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line.

2. Reports on air activity:

OP Khiam: Between 0803 and 0805 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south-south-east to north-north-west, turning west, then south-west, crossed into Lebanon south-east of OP and recrossed the armistice demarcation line south-east of OP Ras (confirmed by OP Mar).

3. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Lebanon alleging that:

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

2/ All times GMT.

3/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(a) On 18 February, between 0430 and 0500, artillery fire coming from Israel territory fell on Wadi El Khansa (AMR 2130-3003) and in the vicinity of El Majidiye (AMR 2117-2987). Material damage was reported.

(b) On 18 February, between 0800 and 0805, two Israel forces jet aircraft overflew the Lebanese regions of Marjayoun (AMR 2056-3074), Nabatiye (AMR 1958-3090) and Ett Taibe (AMR 1988-2977).

(c) During the night of 18/19 February artillery fire coming from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Salhani (AMR 1787-2815), Whaibib (AMR 1975-2842), El Majidiye and the region of Wadi El Khansa.

Complaint (b) was confirmed by United Nations observation for that portion within observation range of OPs Khiam, Mar and Ras (see paragraph 2 above). Complaint (a) was confirmed, except for the type of weapon, for that portion within observation range of OP Khiam (see paragraph 1 (a) above). Complaint (c) was confirmed for the Salhani area (see paragraph 1 (d) above).

