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The Chief of Staff of UNTSO has submitted the following report on developments which took place in the Israel-Lebanon sector during the period from 5 to 11 August 1974:

1. The level of incidents decreased during the period under review but tension remained high following air attacks in Lebanon on 7 and 9 August.
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 22 cases of firing across the ADL or into Lebanese territory, and one crossing violation. These were as follows:
 - (a) OP Lab (AMR 1643-2772), south of the village of Labouna, reported machine-gun fire by Israel forces on 7, 8, 9 and 10 August.
 - (b) OP Hin (AMR 1770-2790), east of the village of Marouahine, reported artillery fire by Israel forces on 10 August and machine-gun fire by Israel forces on 5, 8, 10 and 11 August.
 - (c) OP Ras (AMR 1920-2785), south-east of the village of Maroun Er Ras, reported artillery and mortar fire by Israel forces on 6 August and mortar flares by unidentified forces east of the OP on 7 August.
 - (d) OP Mar (AMR 1998-2921), south-east of the village of Markaba, reported rocket fire by unidentified forces west of the OP on 7 August and mortar flares by Israel forces on 6 August.
 - (e) OP Khiam (AMR 2071-3025), south of the village of El Khiam, reported artillery and mortar fire by Israel forces on 6 August, mortar fire by unidentified forces east of the OP on 6 August and one crossing by Israel forces on 6 August (maximum penetration one kilometre) (see S/11057/Add.530). Artillery fire by Israel forces on 7 August was also reported. Mortar fire by Lebanese forces was reported on 6 August in the vicinity of Israel forces armoured personnel carriers which had crossed into Lebanese territory (see S/11057/Add.530).

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

4. (a) OP Khiam reported air attacks by unidentified forces jet aircraft on 7 August (see S/11057/Add.531) and by Israel forces jet aircraft on 9 August (see S/11057/Add.532). United Nations military observers were unable to identify aircraft on 7 August due to high altitude and haze.

(b) There were 13 overflights reported during the period under review. These were as follows: overflights by Israel forces jet aircraft were reported on 8 and 10 August (one each day) and on 6 and 9 August (two each day), and on 7 August four overflights. Overflights by unidentified jet aircraft were reported on 6 August (two overflights); United Nations military observers were unable to identify aircraft due to high altitude and darkness, respectively.

5. The Lebanese authorities submitted 28 complaints during the period under review as follows:

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

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

(c) Three complaints were submitted alleging that Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs and rockets targets in southern Lebanon. Two of these complaints were confirmed by United Nations observation, except for injury and damage (see para. 4 (a) above).

(d) Four complaints were submitted alleging that Israel forces naval vessels penetrated Lebanese territorial waters on 5, 7, 8 and 9 August. These complaints were not confirmed owing to darkness and the locations of the alleged incidents.

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

(f) One complaint was submitted alleging that Israel forces personnel supported by artillery penetrated Lebanese territory in the vicinity of El Majidiye (AMR 2117-2987), causing death to five civilians and abducting six other civilians. The complaint was confirmed by United Nations observation regarding the crossing by Israel forces personnel into Lebanese territory (see S/11057/Add.530).
