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Further report on the status of the cease-fire
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The Chief of Staff of UNTSO has submitted the following special report on developments in the Israel-Lebanon sector:

1. Two complaints were received from the Lebanese authorities on 12 November 1974 as follows:

(a) The first complaint alleged that on 11 November between 1345 and 1405 hours GMT 12 Israel forces jet aircraft penetrated Lebanese territory and attacked with bombs and rockets the areas of Hasbaiya (AMR 2147-3115), 1/ Mimes (AMR 2170-3135), Kfar Ez Zait (AMR 2192-3145) and other areas in the region of the Hasbani River, causing death and injury to several persons and damage to material and cultivation.

(b) The second complaint alleged that on 12 November between 0145 and 0200 hours GMT Israel forces penetrated Lebanese territory, entered the villages of Dheira (AMR 1708-2789) and Yarine (AMR 1723-2789), blew up one house with dynamite and kidnapped three Lebanese citizens.

2. At the request of the Lebanese authorities, the Chief of Staff of UNTSO authorized inquiries to be conducted by United Nations military observers into the two complaints.

3. The inquiry into the first complaint took place on 12 November between 1100 and 1500 hours GMT. A representative of the Senior Lebanese Delegate to the Israel-Lebanon Mixed Armistice Commission accompanied the inquiry team. The United Nations military observers interviewed witnesses in the locations mentioned in the complaint and examined the evidence presented to them. Their findings are summarized below:

(a) In Hasbaiya, witnesses stated that on 11 November bombs fell in a field where a Lebanese family of 20 was working, killing three persons instantly and wounding a fourth who died later. They further stated that all the dead had been buried. The military observers saw near the village many olive trees recently destroyed by blast and a grape arbor and a nearby road damaged.

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(b) Near the village of Mimes, military observers saw areas of recent rocket and bomb impacts, orchards damaged and many olive trees destroyed.

(c) In the village of Kfar Ez Zait, the local doctor stated that he had treated one man and two women for severe fragmentation wounds requiring hospitalization. Military observers saw near the village an impact area where bombs and rockets had recently destroyed olive trees and damaged a bridge and telephone and power lines.

In this connexion, it should be mentioned that OP Khiam (AMR 2071-3025) reported an air attack on 11 November between 1352 and 1354 hours GMT by six Israel forces jet aircraft (see S/11057/Add.552). Further, OP Mar (AMR 1998-2921) reported that on the same day between 1346 and 1349 hours GMT 12 Israel forces jet aircraft were observed over Lebanese territory, west of OP, flying from south to north. In view of those OP reports and of the findings of the inquiry team, the Lebanese complaint is confirmed, except for casualties.

4. The inquiry on the second complaint took place on 12 November between 1120 and 1245 hours GMT in the villages of Dheira and Yarine. A representative of the Senior Lebanese Delegate accompanied the inquiry team. The United Nations military observers interviewed witnesses and examined the evidence presented to them. Witnesses stated that on 12 November at 0145 hours GMT Israel forces soldiers entered two houses located between Yarine and Dheira, evacuated all occupants, blew up one of the houses and kidnapped three Lebanese from the houses. Military observers saw one house that had been recently destroyed. Based on the results of the above inquiry, the complaint is confirmed insofar as the destruction of one house near the villages of Yarine and Dheira is concerned.
