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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 report on developments which took place in the Israel-Lebanon sector during the period 25 November to 1 December 1974:

1. Activity in the sector increased during the period under review. Artillery fire was heavy in the western part of the sector from 29 November to 1 December. Naval activity and one air attack were also reported during the same 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 border pillars 11 (AMR 1799-2788), 1/ 19 (AMR 1907-2749) and 33 (AMR 2004-2904).
3. There were 41 cases of firing across the ADL, one of which involved an exchange of fire, and five crossing violations. They were reported on the dates given below:

(a) OP Lab (AMR 1643-2772), south of the village of Labouna, reported small-arms fire on 25 and 26 November and machine-gun fire on 26 November, all by Israel forces.

(b) OP Hin (AMR 1770-2790), east of the village of Marouahine, reported machine-gun fire on 25, 28 and 29 November and on 1 December and mortar and artillery fire on 29 November and 1 December, all by Israel forces. An exchange of machine-gun fire between Israel forces and unidentified forces east-north-east of the OP was reported on 30 November.

(c) OP Ras (AMR 1920-2785), south-east of the village of Maroun Er Ras, reported small-arms fire on 25 and 26 November, artillery fire on 26 November and machine-gun fire on 27 November, all by Israel forces.

(d) OP Khiam (AMR 2071-3025), south of the village of El Khiam, reported artillery fire on 26, 28, 29 and 30 November and on 1 December, all by Israel forces.

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(e) Naqoura Outstation (AMR 1629-2805), on the coast near the village of Naqoura, reported that Israel forces naval vessels had penetrated Lebanese territorial waters on 29 November (three instances) and on 30 November and 1 December (one instance each day). It also reported machine-gun fire by an Israel forces naval vessel on 29 November.

4. One air attack by Israel forces jet aircraft was reported on 30 November (see S/11057/Add.557). In addition, there were seven overflights reported during the period. Overflights by Israel forces jet aircraft were reported on 26 and 30 November and on 1 December (one each day) and on 27 November (two overflights). Two overflights by unidentified jet aircraft were reported on 26 November. These aircraft were observed crossing the ADL east of OP Khiam, then flying south to north turning to north-west; United Nations military observers were unable to identify the aircraft owing to cloudy conditions.

5. The Lebanese authorities submitted 34 complaints during the period under review as follows:

(a) Fifteen complaints alleged that Israel forces fire had fallen on Lebanese territory. Eleven of these complaints were confirmed by United Nations observation, except for damage.

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

(c) One complaint concerned an Israel forces helicopter overflight. The complaint was not confirmed.

(d) Three complaints were submitted alleging that Israel forces naval vessels penetrated the Lebanese territorial waters on 29 and 30 November. All three complaints were confirmed.

(e) Seven complaints were submitted alleging that Israel forces patrols had daily penetrated Lebanese territory in the regions of Chebaa (AMR 2200-3055) and Rmaich (AMR 1847-2760). Penetration in the Rmaich area was confirmed on 25 and 30 November. The remaining complaints were not confirmed; the locations of the alleged incidents were outside United Nations observation range.

(f) In addition, two complaints were submitted with requests that inquiries into them be conducted by United Nations military observers. They are dealt with in paragraph 6 below.

6. Two inquiries were conducted by United Nations military observers during the period under review. Both inquiries were requested by the Lebanese authorities and authorized by the Chief of Staff of UNTSO. They are as follows:

(a) One inquiry concerned a Lebanese complaint to the effect that on 22 November Israel forces penetrated Lebanese territory near border pillar 18 (AMR 1680-2740) and constructed fortifications. The inquiry took place on 25 November. The complaint was confirmed in so far as construction of fortifications in Lebanese territory was concerned.

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(b) One inquiry concerned a Lebanese complaint to the effect that on 30 November Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs and rockets in the vicinity of Kafra (AMR 1830-2865), causing destruction of one house and damage to material and cultivation. The inquiry took place on 1 December. In connexion with this complaint, it should be mentioned that OP Lab reported an air attack in the same area on 30 November (see S/11057/Add.557). Based on the results of the inquiry and the report from OP Lab, the complaint is confirmed.
