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

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

1. A complaint was received from the Lebanese authorities on 13 December stating that on the night of 12 December artillery fire from Israel territory fell on Lebanese territory in the vicinity of Nabatiye (AMR 1958-3090), 1/ causing injury to six persons, destruction of houses and other material damage.
2. At the request of the Lebanese authorities, the Chief of Staff of UNTSO authorized an inquiry into the complaint to be conducted by United Nations military observers.
3. The inquiry took place on 13 December between 0806 and 1010 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 area and examined the evidence presented to them. The witnesses stated that on 12 December between 2200 and 2330 hours GMT the town of Nabatiye had been shelled by artillery. They also stated that six persons had been wounded by artillery fire. The military observers saw two children in the Nabatiye Hospital who had recently received serious shrapnel wounds. They also saw five houses partially destroyed, several houses damaged and three civilian vehicles damaged by artillery effect. In addition, they saw damaged telephone and electrical lines and observed artillery shrapnel in the area.
4. In connexion with this Lebanese complaint, it should be mentioned that OP Ras (AMR 1920-2785) reported that on 12 December between 2159 and 2208 hours GMT artillery fire by Israel forces impacted far north of the OP.
5. Based on the results of the inquiry and the report from OP Ras, the complaint is confirmed in so far as the injury to two persons and damage to houses and other materials in the town of Nabatiye are concerned.

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.