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The following information has been received from the Acting Chief of Staff of UNTSO regarding the situation in the Israel-Syria sector on 15 March 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): 1/ Between 1020 2/ and 1027 and between 1048 and 1049 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1020 and 1030 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1032 and 1047 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(b) Patrol 34 (2534-2937): Between 1022 and 1028 and between 1048 and 1049 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(c) Patrol 35 (2532-2852): Between 1025 and 1045 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Confirmed by Patrol 33 (2444-2814).

2. Complaints by the parties:

(a) Complaints have been received from Syria alleging that on 12 March:

(i) At approximately 1315, an Israel forces bulldozer was observed preparing new positions at 2520-2827.

(ii) At approximately 1335, an Israel forces bulldozer was observed preparing new positions at 2514-2921.

(iii) At approximately 1500 the Israel forces positions situated at 2512-2834 opened artillery fire.

(iv) At approximately 1513 the Israel forces positions situated in the area of former OP X-ray and Patrol 42 opened artillery fire in the area of Deir Khabye (2593-3082), Khan Ech Chih (2541-3091) and Tabiba (2497-3031).

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

- (v) At approximately 1520 the Israel forces positions in the area of former OP 6 and Patrol 43 opened artillery fire.
- (vi) At approximately 1522 the Israel forces positions situated at 2474-2859 opened artillery fire.
- (vii) At approximately 1600 the Israel forces positions situated at 2471-2887 opened artillery fire.
- (viii) At approximately 1610 the Israel forces positions situated at 2494-2854 opened artillery fire.
- (ix) At approximately 1635 the Israel forces positions situated at 2494-2854 opened artillery fire.

On 13 March:

- (x) At 0900 and between 0930 and 1100, an Israel forces helicopter was observed transporting military equipment and fortification materials to the Israel forces positions situated at 2263-3084.

Complaints (iii), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii) and (ix) not confirmed by United Nations observation. However, artillery fire by Israel forces occurred in the general areas at the approximate times. Complaints (i), (ii), (iv) and (x) not confirmed by United Nations observation.

- (b) Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that on 14 March:
 - (i) At 0255 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Mazraat Beit Jinn (2358-3015) area.
 - (ii) At 0820, 1425, 1430, 1440 and 1455 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Mazraat Beit Jinn area.
 - (iii) At 0925 Syrian forces opened artillery fire south of Mazraat Beit Jinn.
 - (iv) At 1420 and 1440 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Tell Ech Shams (2430-2950) area.
 - (v) At 1440 and 1450 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Kafer Nassej (2475-2842) area.
 - (vi) At 1440 Syrian forces opened artillery fire west of Tell Ech Shams.
 - (vii) At 1455 Syrian forces opened artillery fire south of Tell Ech Shams.
 - (viii) At 1710 Syrian forces opened fire south-east of Mazraat Beit Jinn.

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Complaint (ii) confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.360, para. 1 (a)). Complaints (iv) and (vi) confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.360, para. 1 (b)). Complaint (v) confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.360, para. 1 (e)). Complaint (iii) confirmed by United Nations observation: however, there is discrepancy in time (see S/11057/Add.360, para. 1 (a)). Complaint (vii) confirmed by United Nations observation: however, there is discrepancy in time (see S/11057/Add.360, para. 1 (b)). Complaints (i) and (viii) not confirmed by United Nations observation.