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

1. Subsequent to the interim report circulated as S/11057/Add.368, the Acting Chief of Staff of UNTSO has submitted a more detailed report regarding incidents which took place in the Israel-Syria sector on 19 March 1974. This report is set forth below:

"1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), 1/ Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2367-3026): Between 0430 2/ and 0725 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0444 and 0801 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0447 and 0653 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0705 and 0716 mortar and small-arms fire by Israel forces.

(b) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736), OP Five (AMR 2290-2787), Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814), Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790) and Patrol 43 (AMR 2395-2816): Between 0432 and 0708, 0438 and 0750, and 0515 and 0750 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0432 and 0448, 0554 and 0714, and 0740 and 0744 tank fire by Syrian forces. Between 0506 and 0530, 0649 and 0700, 0723 and 0735, and 0742 and 0744 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0438 and 0505, 0449 and 0459, and 0617 and 0645 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0442 and 0448 and between 0607 and 0712 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 0618 and 0715 and between 0718 and 0737 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0701 and 0715 anti-tank missile fire by Israel forces.

(c) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 0435 and 0713 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0439 and 0725 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0440 and 0725 artillery fire and between 0530 and 0535 tank fire by Israel forces.

(d) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0435 and 0446 tank fire and between 0438 and 0550

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1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0507 and 0718 artillery fire and between 0533 and 0718 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0610 and 0655 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(e) OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621), OP Three (AMR 2308-2678) and OP Four (AMR 2327-2596): Between 0515 and 0750 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0608 and 0800 artillery fire by Syrian forces. At 0910 and ceasing immediately artillery fire by Syrian forces.

"2. Cease-fire proposal:

At 0620 a cease-fire was proposed to commence at 0715. Both parties accepted the proposal at 0706 and firing ceased at 0910.

"3. Firing on or close to United Nations personnel and installations:

(a) Patrol 32: At approximately 0530 one round of mortar fire by unidentified forces impacted close to the patrol base caravan. Both of the United Nations observers and their Syrian Liaison Officer were wounded. Slight damage to the living caravan at patrol base 32 was reported.

(b) Patrol 43: At 0623 one round of artillery fire by unidentified forces impacted approximately 50 metres south of patrol base. No injuries or damage to United Nations personnel or installations was reported.

(c) Patrol 42: Between 0708 and 0712 nine rounds of Syrian artillery fire impacted within 25 metres of patrol base. No injuries to United Nations personnel but damage to patrol base was reported.

(d) Patrol 37: Between 0710 and 0715 Israel anti-tank missiles passed within 15 metres of patrol base. No injuries or damage to United Nations personnel or installations was reported.

"4. Complaints by the parties:

(a) Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that on 18 March:

- (i) At 0900 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Mazraat Beit Jinn (AMR 2358-3015) area.
- (ii) At 0930 and 1035 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Harfa (AMR 2352-2967) area.
- (iii) At 1035 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Mazraat Beit Jinn area.
- (iv) At 1050 Syrian forces opened anti-tank missile fire in Tell Ech Chams (AMR 2430-2950) area.

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- (v) At 1430 and at 1445 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in Tel Sabsaba (AMR 2469-2890) area.

Complaints (ii), (iii) and (iv) were confirmed by United Nations observation (see S/11057/Add.366, para. 1 (b) and (c)). Complaints (i) and (v) were not confirmed.

(b) A complaint has been received from Syria alleging that on 19 March at approximately 0530 Israel forces shelled the Syrian village of Derbol (AMR 2357-3065) causing civilian casualties, damage to houses in the village and wounding two United Nations military observers and the Syrian Liaison Officer at the United Nations Patrol Base 32 in the vicinity of Derbol. The Syrian authorities protested most strongly against this attack and requested UNTSO to carry out an inquiry relating to casualties and damage in the area of Derbol.

The Acting Chief of Staff authorized an inquiry to be conducted commencing on 19 March. The report of the UNTSO inquiry will be circulated as soon as possible."

2. The Secretary-General is deeply concerned at the deterioration in recent days of the situation in the Israel-Syria sector. He appeals to the parties concerned to exercise the utmost restraint and strictly observe the cease-fire called for by the Security Council.

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