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Further report on the status of the cease-fire
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The following information has been received from the Chief of Staff of UNTSO regarding the situation in the Israel-Syria sector on 9 April 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) 1/ and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 0616 2/ and 0703 and between 0730 and 0810 artillery fire and between 0620 and 0810 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0640 and 0801 and between 0901 and 0920 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(b) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), Patrol 36 (AMR 2347-3126), Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2354-2998): Between 0626 and 0635 artillery and mortar fire and between 0730 and 0758 and between 0802 and 0852 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1220 and 1230 machine-gun fire by Israel forces. At 1235, and ceasing immediately, rocket fire by Syrian forces.

(c) OP Five (AMR 2290-2787) and Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 0631 and 0728 tank fire and between 0631 and 0804 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0650 and 0655 and between 0733 and 0846 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

(d) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814) and Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Tank fire by Israel forces at 0655 and by Syrian forces at 0657 (exchange of fire in the Patrol 43 area); firing ceased by Syrian forces at 0720 and by Israel forces at 0721. Between 0726 and 0812 and between 0854 and 0857 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0800 and 0815 artillery fire by Israel forces.

2. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Israel alleging that:

On 8 April:

(a) At 0650 and 1250 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Mazraat Beit Jinn area (AMR 2358-3015).

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

(b) At 0855 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Aakcha (AMR 2310-2708).

(c) At 1045, 1150 and 1505 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell Farass (AMR 2313-2632).

(d) At 1240 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Kafer Nassej area (AMR 2475-2842).

(e) At 1330 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Tell Hamed area (AMR 2477-2832).

(f) At 1545 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Rafid area (AMR 2345-2625).

On 9 April:

(g) At 0610 Syrian forces opened artillery fire north of OP Three (AMR 2308-2678).

(h) At 0631 and between 0830 and 0945 Syrian forces opened artillery fire in the Mazraat Beit Jinn area.

(i) Between 0720 and 0745 Syrian forces opened artillery fire on Tell Ech Chams (AMR 2430-2950).

(j) At 0820 Syrian forces opened artillery fire three kilometres east of Quneitra.

Complaints (a), (b), (c), (e) and (f) (see S/11057/Add.397, para. 1 (b), (d), (e) and (f)) and complaints (h), (i) and (j) (see para. 1 (a), (b) and (c) above) were confirmed by United Nations observation. The other complaints were not confirmed.
