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

Further to the interim report circulated as S/11057/Add.406, the Chief of Staff of UNTSO has submitted a more detailed report on the incidents which took place in the Israel-Syria sector on 14 April 1974. This report is set forth below:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2937), 1/ Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0235 2/ and 0455, between 1050 and 1120, between 1200 and 1336, between 1401 and 1440, between 1459 and 1555 and between 1605 and 1630 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0515 and 0517, between 1102 and 1135, between 1333 and 1507 and between 1556 and 1608 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1047 and 1110, between 1413 and 1430 and between 1500 and 1514 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1050 and 1115 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 1110 and 1120, between 1350 and 1406 and between 1511 and 1536 tank fire by Syrian forces. Between 1442 and 1558 and between 1602 and 1630 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

(b) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2353-2998): Between 0440 and 1250 and between 1440 and 1506 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0440 and 0615, between 0753 and 1412, between 1449 and 1532 and between 1615 and 1954 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0450 and 0527, between 0720 and 0745, between 0842 and 0915, between 1120 and 1122, between 1310 and 1347 and between 1441 and 1548 rocket fire by Syrian forces. At 0832 machine-gun fire, which ceased immediately, by Israel forces.

(c) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2982) and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 0517 and 0748, between 1010 and 1052, between 1129 and 1334, between 1442 and 1518, between 1619 and 1624 and between 1801 and 2010 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1008 and 1039 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 1127 and 1149 and between 1819 and 2004 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1140 and 1145, between 1405 and 1538 and between 1858 and 1910 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Tank fire by Syrian forces at 1151 and by Israel forces at 1154 (exchange of fire in the Patrol 31 area); firing ceased by Syrian forces at 1214 and by Israel forces at 1233.

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

(d) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), OP Four (AMR 2327-2596) and OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621): Between 0732 and 0835, between 0916 and 1502 and between 1550 and 1602 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0747 and 0905 machine-gun fire by Israel forces. Between 0825 and 0920, between 0957 and 1240 and between 1330 and 1454 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1107 and 1110 and between 1148 and 1156 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 1520 and 1535 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

(e) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736), OP Five (AMR 2290-2787), Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814), Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790) and Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 0754 and 1145 and between 1214 and 1616 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0855 and 0918 and between 1021 and 1030 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 0856 and 0918, between 1015 and 1050, between 1124 and 1128, between 1246 and 1414, between 1432 and 1507 and between 1520 and 1617 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0935 and 0941 between 1030 and 1121 and between 1345 and 1408 tank fire by Syrian forces. Between 1012 and 1155 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 1105 and 1106, between 1200 and 1201, between 1208 and 1215, between 1233 and 1235, between 1328 and 1331, between 1448 and 1449 and between 1542 and 1543 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 1155 and 1408 and between 1520 and 1551 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

(f) OP Romeo (AMR 2294-2459): Between 1054 and 1240 and between 1428 and 1455 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 1443 and 1520 mortar fire by Syrian forces.

2. Reports on air activity:

(a) Patrol 32: Between 0504 and 0515 one unidentified jet aircraft attacked with rockets and bombs north of patrol location (two strikes were observed). Between 0540 and 0558 one unidentified forces jet aircraft attacked with rockets and bombs north of patrol location (eight strikes were observed). Between 0606 and 0610 two Israel forces jet aircraft were first observed south-west of patrol location and last observed north-west of patrol location. Between 0618 and 0622 two Israel forces jet aircraft were first observed south-south-east of patrol location and last observed west-south-west of patrol location. Between 0647 and 0703 an undetermined number of Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with rockets and bombs north of patrol location (seven strikes were observed). Between 0712 and 0713 one Israel forces jet aircraft, flying north-west to south-east, was first observed north-west of patrol location and last observed south-west of patrol location. Between 1018 and 1021 two Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs north of patrol location (four strikes were observed). Between 1031 and 1034 three Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with rockets and bombs north of patrol location (two strikes were observed). Between 1040 and 1042 one Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs north of patrol location (one strike was observed). Between 1049 and 1057 three Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with rockets, bombs and machine-guns north of patrol location (nine strikes were observed). Between 1108 and 1131 three Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs, rockets and machine-guns north of patrol location. Between 1145 and 1150 two Israel forces jet aircraft, flying south to north then turning west and then south, were first observed south-east of OP and last observed south of patrol location. Between 1305 and 1321 Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with rockets

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and bombs north-west of patrol location. Between 1353 and 1417 Israel forces jet aircraft attacked with bombs north of patrol location.

(b) OP Romeo: Between 0603 and 0605 one unidentified jet aircraft, flying south-east to north-west, was first observed south-east of OP and last observed north-west of OP. Between 0624 and 0625 one unidentified jet aircraft, flying south-south-east to north-north-west, was first observed south-south-east of OP and last observed north-north-west of OP. Between 1146 and 1147 one unidentified jet aircraft, flying south-south-east to north-north-west, was first observed south-south-east of OP and last observed north-north-west of OP.

(c) Patrol 41: Between 1147 and 1148 one unidentified jet aircraft, flying south to north then turning west, was first observed east of patrol location and last observed north of patrol location.

(d) Patrol 42: Between 1217 and 1245 one unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs north-west of patrol location (two strikes were observed).

3. Cease-fire proposals:

A cease-fire was proposed to commence at 0900. The proposal was accepted by Israel forces with the usual conditions; Syrian forces replied that their fire would be stopped only if Israel forces withdrew from the peak of Mount Hermon. Firing continued. A second cease-fire was proposed to commence at 1500. Israel forces again accepted the proposal with the usual conditions; Syrian forces restated their earlier conditions for stopping firing. Firing continued.

4. Firing on or close to United Nations installations:

(a) OP Four: At 0906 one burst of small-arms fire by Syrian forces passed within 3 metres of the OP observation platform. No injuries or damage were reported.

(b) Patrol 42: Between 1544 and 1546 two rounds of Syrian artillery fire impacted within 15 metres of the patrol base. No injuries or damage were reported.

5. Other matters:

The Chief of Staff of UNTSO gave instructions on 14 April for two UNTSO patrols, one from ISMAC headquarters in Damascus and one from the Tiberias Control Centre to attempt to reach the Mount Hermon summit area in order to observe the situation there. Arrangements for the patrols were made in consultations with the parties concerned, and the observers were instructed to proceed with caution. In view of the fighting which was going on in the area and the inability of UNTSO to arrange a cease-fire for the reasons outlined in paragraph 3 above, the patrols were not able to reach their objective.
