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

The following information has been received from the Chief of Staff of UNTSO regarding the situation in the Israel-Syria sector on 17 April 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) Patrol 32 (AMR 2345-3054), 1/ Patrol 38 (AMR 2395-3040) and Patrol 41 (AMR 2353-2998): Between 0430 2/ and 0521 rocket fire by Syrian forces. Between 0510 and 0600 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0625 and 1505 artillery fire, between 1043 and 1050 mortar fire by Israel forces. Between 0630 and 1550 and between 1650 and 1659 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1925 and 2055 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 2040 and 2203 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(b) Patrol 31 (AMR 2449-2932) and Patrol 42 (AMR 2431-2961): Between 0430 and 0436 and between 0940 and 0945 artillery fire, between 0950 and 1009 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 1339 and 1500 mortar fire, between 1500 and 1515 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1350 and 1445 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(c) Patrol 34 (AMR 2534-2934), Patrol 35 (AMR 2532-2852) and Patrol 44 (AMR 2519-2911): Between 0630 and 0640 and between 0852 and 0900 mortar fire by Syrian forces. Between 0853 and 0918 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(d) Patrol 36 (AMR 2430-3144): Between 0735 and 1045, between 1341 and 1345 and between 1446 and 1448 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0813 and 1245 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 1055 and 1058 mortar fire by Israel forces.

(e) OP Three (AMR 2308-2678), OP Four (AMR 2327-2596) and OP Uniform (AMR 2366-2621): Between 0800 and 1538 artillery fire by Syrian forces. Between 0800 and 0859 tank fire by Syrian forces. Between 0836 and 0907 tank fire by Israel forces. Between 0855 and 0918 and between 0947 and 1525 artillery fire, between 1159 and 1307 and between 1359 and 1452 mortar fire by Israel forces. At 1541 artillery fire, which ceased immediately, by Israel forces.

1/ AMR - approximate map reference.

2/ All times GMT.

(f) OP Romeo (AMR 2294-2459) and OP Seven (AMR 2203-2408): Between 0839 and 0920 and between 1359 and 1508 artillery fire by Israel forces. Between 0858 and 0910 and between 1345 and 1524 artillery fire by Syrian forces.

(g) Patrol 33 (AMR 2444-2814) and Patrol 43 (AMR 2398-2816): Between 0930 and 0936 and between 1024 and 1120 artillery fire by Israel forces.

(h) OP Two (AMR 2306-2736) and Patrol 37 (AMR 2320-2790): Between 0931 and 0935, between 1010 and 1117, between 1216 and 1220 and between 1400 and 1505 artillery fire by Israel forces.

2. Reports on air activity:

Patrol 36: At 1354 one unidentified jet aircraft attacked with bombs north-west of patrol location (one strike observed).

3. Cease-fire proposal:

A cease-fire was proposed to commence at 1400, which was accepted by Syrian forces at 1321. Israel forces accepted at 1351 for a cease-fire commencing at 1530. Firing ceased at 1550 but started again at 1650.

4. Complaints by the parties:

A complaint has been received from Syria alleging that on 17 April at approximately 1100 Israel forces opened artillery fire on the village of Arne (AMR 2320-3080). Several rounds of artillery fire impacted in the middle of the village destroying a school and a civilian vehicle.

The Syrian authorities requested an inquiry on their complaint. The Chief of Staff of UNTSO authorized an inquiry to be conducted by United Nations military observers on 18 April.
