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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 Acting Chief of Staff of UNTSO regarding the situation in the Israel-Lebanon sector on 27 February 1974:

1. Reports on ground activity:

(a) OP Khiam: 1/ Between 0430 2/ and 0435 mortar fire by Israel forces into Lebanon.

(b) OP Mar: Between 0430 and 0439 artillery fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line. Between 0435 and 1550 Israel forces personnel and vehicles reoccupied position at AMR 2004-2904 3/ west of border pillar 33.

(c) OP Ras: Between 0530 and 1530 Israel forces personnel and vehicles reoccupied position at AMR 1907-2749 north of border pillar 19.

(d) OP Hin: Between 2045 and 2106 mortar fire by Israel forces across the armistice demarcation line.

2. Complaints by the parties:

Complaints have been received from Lebanon alleging that on 27 February:

(a) Between 0420 and 0440 artillery fire from Israel territory fell in the vicinity of Mazraat Dharjate (AMR 2112-3013), Halta (AMR 2123-3020) and Wadi El Khansa (AMR 2130-3003). Material damage was reported.

(b) Between 1200 and 1205 four Israel forces jet aircraft overflew Lebanese regions of Marjayoun (AMR 2056-3074), Nabatiye (AMR 1958-3090) and Ett Taibe (AMR 1988-2977).

(c) Between 1630 and 1650 three Israel forces helicopters overflew the Lebanese coast between Naqoura (AMR 1629-2805), Said (30 kilometres south-south-west of Beirut and Naqoura).

1/ The locations of the observation posts are given in document S/11057.

2/ All times GMT.

3/ AMR - approximate map reference.

(d) One Israel forces patrol consisting of two armoured personnel carriers and one jeep penetrated Lebanese territory in the region of Chebaa (AMR 2200-3055) and after firing some automatic-weapon bursts occupied position at AMR 2211-3045 throughout the day.

Complaint (a) was confirmed by United Nations observation for that portion within observation range of OP Khiam, except for damages (see para. 1 (a) above). Complaints (b), (c) and (d) were not confirmed by United Nations observation.

