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Further report on the status of the cease-fire  
in the Israel-Lebanon sector

The Chief of Staff of UNTSO has submitted the following report on developments in the Israel-Lebanon sector during May 1977. 1/

1. Ground and air activity were at a low level during the reporting period. No naval activity was observed.

2. Israel forces personnel continued to occupy six positions on the Lebanese side of the armistice demarcation line (ADL) near border pillars 6 (AMR 1680-2770, 2/ 11 (AMR 1799-2788), 14 (AMR 1838-2734), 18 (AMR 1880-2740), 19 (AMR 1907-2749) and 33 (AMR 2004-2904).

3. There were three cases of firing across the ADL and three crossing violations. These were reported as follows:

(a) OP Lab (AMR 1643-2772), south of the village of Labouna, reported two crossing violations by Israel forces on 2 and 10 May (maximum penetration 400 metres and 200 metres respectively). Additionally, a crossing violation by Israeli civilians was reported on 20 May (maximum penetration 300 metres).

(b) OP Mar (AMR 1998-2921) south-east of the village of Markaba, reported automatic-weapons fire on 20 May and artillery fire on 23 May, both by Israeli forces.

(c) OP Khiam (AMR 2071-3025), south of the village of El Khiam, reported artillery fire by Israel forces on 23 May.

4. There were three overflights reported during the period. Overflights by Israel forces jet aircraft were reported on 6, 9 and 24 May (one each day).

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1/ UNTSO observers are stationed in the Israel-Lebanon sector on the Lebanese side of the armistice demarcation line, in accordance with the consensus approved by the members of the Security Council on 19 April 1972, to observe the cease-fire between Israel and Lebanon called for by the Security Council. The present report of the Chief of Staff of UNTSO concerns developments observed and reported by UNTSO observers in this context.

2/ AMR - approximate map reference.