

MIDEAST FIGHTING
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Military activity along the Suez Canal was limited to one major Israeli air sortie against Egyptian positions on the west bank plus sporadic artillery and mortar fire exchanged between both sides.

On the eastern front, Israeli jets twice hit Jordanian targets without sustaining any losses. Amman Radio said three of its soldiers, including a major, were killed and 12 wounded.

Beside the regular military actions, Arab terrorists operating in the area have twice hit, Kiryat Shmona, a new immigrant township near the Lebanese border.

A number of Israeli leaders visited the settlement after the first attack.

Cairo Radio attributed the reduced fighting along the canal to the heavy losses inflicted on Israeli forces by Egyptian aircraft and ground attacks.

But Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Dayan said Israeli attacks had caused the Egyptians to de-escalate the fighting for a while. He said in a television interview that the Egyptians were convinc-

ed that they cannot gain air supremacy and that they cannot wage a successful offensive against Israeli positions dug in on the Canal's east bank. The lull in fighting however does not mean that local action will not continue. But Air Force damage to ground installations and positions affected the Egyptians' effort to exert pressure on Israel's line,

Gen. Dayan asserted.

Meanwhile, Egyptians at nightfall are rebuilding their destroyed and damaged positions. Israeli troops along Bar-Lev line of fortifications at the canal report the sound of heavy equipment being used under cover of darkness.

In a related development, political experts in Jerusalem noted with satisfaction that while United States officials have expressed concern over the rising pace of Suez Canal clashes, they had not asked Israel for restraint.

Israeli observers said that while the Syrian attacks may have been in retaliation for Israel's air strikes, it was likely that Damascus was joining in the "stage of liberation" announced by Egyptian

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tian President Nasser in which Arab forces actively contend with Jerusalem troops along all the cease-fire lines.

King Hussein of Jordan has joined in the escalation and said the day was approaching when Jordanian skies would "no longer be violat-

ed." He was believed to be referring to delivery of American-made jet fighters now being assembled in Jordan.

It was also reported that Syrian troops are now stationed in North Jordan as part of the coordinated eastern front against Israel.

Iraqi troops have been in Jordan since the Six-Day War and Saudi Arabian forces are reported stationed in south Jordan.

Another sign of the development of a united eastern front was the signing of a defense agreement between Syrian and Iraq in Baghdad. The two nations had been at odds over the type of socialism that each wanted to rule in the Arab world.

Observers noted that the situation in the Mideast is reminiscent of the days before June 1967 in which the Arab states spoke of "victories" over Israel, joined in united military operations and threatened a war of liberation.

The major difference, it was noted, was that the Arab states were defeated in the Six-Day War and Israel's defensive lines are better than the May 1967 borders which were not separated from Arab forces by the Suez Canal, the Jordan River, the Golan Heights plains and enough air space to defend against bomber raids.

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