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Some Arab Units Said to Be in Israel–Jerusalem Battle Growing

AIR RAIDS KILL FIVE JEWS

Reprisals on Cairo Threatened —Haganah Captures Latrun, Pushes Ahead in North

By The Associated Press.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 16—The invasion armies of five Arab nations hammered away with air and artillery attacks today at outlying Jewish settlements in Palestine, dispatches from Arab capitals said.

[Tel Aviv, the provisional capital of Israel, was bombed again, and violent fighting continued in Jerusalem. The Haganah reported the capture of Latrun, on the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway, and an Arab Legion communiqué announced the capture of Lydda airfield.]

An official Arab military source in Amman, capital of Trans-Jordan, said that the Egyptian army had occupied the town of Majdal, fourteen miles north of Gaza on the Palestine coastal plain. This source also said that Syrian forces had occupied Samakh, south of Galilee, on the southern tip of Lake Tiberias.

The Egyptians were reported to be setting up civil administrations in all occupied areas.

Syrian troops, according to dispatches, also occupied a camp adjoining Samakh and shelled two Jewish settlements—Masada and Sarajulean. Nuqeib, on the eastern shore of Galilee, was encircled, shelled and bombed by planes.

Syrian Losses Reported

A Syrian Air Force squadron was reported to have been supporting Lebanese troops in their advance. Syrian losses were given as one killed and one wounded, with seven Jews reported killed.

An Iraqi motorized force was reported attacking Tiberias on the western shore of Galilee. The town was recently occupied by the Jews.

Fadl tribal warriors supported by Syrian armor were said to be moving in the lush Hule Valley, part of Israel under the boundaries set in the United Nation's decision on partition.

A combined Syrian and Lebanese striking force was moving into the northern coastal area from the Lebanese frontier, a Damascus dispatch said.

An Arab Legion communiqué said that Legion troops that had recently accepted the surrender of the Jewish settlement of Kfar Etzion had taken over the colonies of Naureen, Baysun, Rifodina and Sacara as well.

The Legion declared that it had taken 300 prisoners, including eighty-six women and children. The communiqué said that the women and children had been turned over to the Red Cross in Jerusalem while the male prisoners had been interned. Captured supplies and ammunition were distributed among local Arab volunteers, the communiqué said.

Lydda's Capture Reported

It added that Lydda airfield was captured yesterday by the Arab Liberation Army, along with Kalandiya colony and an adjoining airfield between Jerusalem and Ramallah.

In Amman an Arab source said that heavy artillery of the Iraqi Army had reached the upper Jordan valley.

Iraqi infantry crossed the Jordan at Jisr al Majami and captured the Rutenburg hydroelectric station at the junction of the Yarmuk and Jordan Rivers.

The heavy artillery units crossed a temporary bridge erected to take the place of one dynamited by the Jews, advanced west and captured Gesher, nine miles north of Beisan, Haganah-held communications center for northeastern Palestine.

A published communiqué of the Egyptian volunteer forces in southern Palestine stated that it had wiped out a Haganah convoy yesterday near Deir el Ublah, on the coast nine miles southwest of

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Gaza. Regular Egyptian Army troops have reached Gaza, it said.

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