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CAIRO, Egypt, May 24 (AP)—Egyptian Army units captured several Jewish strongholds on Palestine's southern coastal belt last night after a nine-hour battle, a defense Ministry communiqué said tonight.

The communiqué said 500 Jewish bodies had been counted on the battlefield in the Deir Suneid region, between Tel Aviv and Gaza. Deir Suneid is thirty-four miles southwest of Tel Aviv and seven miles northeast of Gaza.

The Egyptian flag was raised over the highest fortress in the region, the communiqué said.

One Jewish plane was shot down while attempting to supply a

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