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CAIRO, Egypt, June 10 (AP)—Egyptian sources said tonight that 300 Israeli fighters had been killed by Egyptian troops at Nitsanim, on the coastal plain south of Tel Aviv. Ten others were taken prisoner. Nitsanim is between El Majdal and Isdud.

A Defense Ministry communiqué, issued a matter of hours before the cease-fire deadline in the Arab-Israeli war, also said that Egyptian planes had caused damage and started fires in raids on Tel Aviv and on several Jewish settlements.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Wednesday night, from the Israeli side of the lines at Latrun, said that at least 6,000 Arab and Israeli fighters were arrayed in fierce combat.

This only eyewitness account of fighting in that sector said a brigade, or about 3,000 men, of the Arab Legion was on the defensive on a mountain-top position north of the road. An equal or larger force of the Haganah, the dispatch said, had won the highlands south of the road and cleared bloody Bab el Wad gorge to the east.

But a five-mile stretch of the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem Highway east of the Latrun monastery was described as a No Man's Land, swept by the guns of both sides. The Haganah was reported driving hard with artillery and night assault to secure the remaining link of road. Their only alternative path to Jerusalem is a circuitous and gun-swept back-mountain trail that can be traversed only by jeep, mule or on foot.

Active operations continued on three other fronts through Wednesday night at least.

The Egyptians were reported to have thrown a strong force of irregular volunteers into a flanking attack aimed at freeing the 1,000 or more Egyptians who spearheaded the Arab drive on Tel Aviv and became trapped at Isdud, twenty-three miles south of the Jewish capital. The Egyptians may be held in the trap for four weeks if they fail to get out before the truce freezes the battlelines.

Dispatches from Amman said battle-tried Iraqi also continued efforts to beat back the threat to Jenin, northern key to Arab positions in Central Palestine. They were reported massing men and guns for a possible jump-off against Mishmar Haemek or Afule, northwest and north of Jenin.

[An Iraqi communiqué reported by The United Press said Israeli forces were repulsed with heavy losses when, trying to retrieve a defeat, they attacked in the area of Jenin.]

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