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## Cairo Says Tempo of Battle With Israelis Picks Up— MIG Fighters in Combat

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CAIRO, Oct. 31—The Egyptian Army said today the battle on land, sea and in the air with the invading Israeli forces had increased in tempo.

A communiqué reported the battle was raging in the vicinity of El Auja and Abu Aweigila after two previous attacks yesterday afternoon and last midnight had been repulsed.

The Egyptians claimed to have shot down a total of ten Israeli fighters in several clashes during the day, with the loss of two Egyptian Vampire jets.

### MIG Fighters Used

For the first time since the Israelis drove into the Egyptian-held Sinai Desert the Egyptians disclosed they had used their newly acquired Soviet-built MIG jet fighters in combat. In a dogfight between four MIG's and nine Israeli French-built Mystères, a communiqué said four "enemy" planes were brought down. The communiqué said the MIG's drove the remaining Mystères away.

According to the communiqué, Egyptian bombers raided Israeli air bases last night at Aqir and Ramat David without any losses.

"Airdromes were enveloped in flames throughout the night," the communiqué said. "Other airdromes also were bombed and all our planes returned safely to their bases."

"Our fighters opened continual fire on enemy concentrations and movements in the border region," the communiqué said, "hitting twenty-one lorries that were carrying troops, seven of which were completely destroyed.

"In another region, two other enemy lorries were destroyed and at other points fifteen armored cars and tanks were hit. Another twenty cars bringing reinforcements to Israeli troops that were engaged in battle were fired on. Severe losses were caused, as a result of which the enemy had to ask for urgent relief."

The communiqué also admitted the loss of the frigate Ibrahim Awal off Haifa. The Israelis contended they had captured the former British vessel, given to Egypt in 1950, after she had bombarded Haifa port last night.

The communiqué said, however, that the captain scuttled the ship after her engines were damaged in a fight with three Israeli warships supported by three planes.

The communiqué went on to say that enemy aircraft made several raids against "our main forces" as they were approaching the scene of operations in the Sinai Desert.

"Our air force again intervened and son had complete mastery of the situation," the communiqué said.

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