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1. The only significant recent movement on the part of the Syrian Army was the dispatch of the Sixth Infantry Battalion to Mishmar Hay Yarden, Palestine.
2. A new unit, named "Selahadin Ayyubi Battalion", is being organized in Damascus, and is to be made up of Palestinian refugees.
3. The following confidential official figures of Syrian Army casualties was obtained through contacts at the military hospital:
  - a. Before the Palestinian truce period there were 133 soldiers killed and 451 wounded;
  - b. After the truce there have been 99 killed and 137 wounded. Sixty percent of these casualties resulted from mine field explosions and the rest resulted from mortar fire.

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