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FINLAND ENLARGES MIDEAST PEACE-KEEPING FORCE

1251209 HELSINKI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FINNIS., 1005 GMT 25 OCT 73 L

(SUMMARY) "FINLAND IS TO SEND 10 MORE MILITARY OBSERVERS TO THE MIDDLE EAST. IF THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL DECIDES TO SEND PEACE-KEEPING FORCES, FINLAND CAN ALSO ACT, IF NECESSARY."

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH PAULA PORKKA, THE HEAD OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S U.N. OFFICE, MAJ ESKO NIEMINEN SAID T.A. ONE OBSERVER WAS ALREADY IN CYPRUS AND HAD BEEN ORDERED THIS MORNING TO FLY TO JERUSALEM. TWO MORE OBSERVERS HAVE ALSO RECEIVED THEIR ORDERS AND WOULD LEAVE FINLAND FOR JERUSALEM TOMORROW AT THE LATEST. SOME MORE WOULD LEAVE PROBABLY NEXT WEEK AND THE LAST OBSERVERS IN ABOUT 3 WEEKS' TIME, WHEN MEDICAL PROBLEMS, SUCH AS VACCINATIONS, HAD BEEN SETTLED.

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IDF IMPLEMENTING CEASE-FIRE ON SYRIAN FRONT

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(TEXT) THE IDF GENERAL STAFF LIAISON OFFICER ATTACHED TO THE UN OBSERVERS HEADQUARTERS IN JERUSALEM HAS INFORMED THE CHIEF UN OBSERVER THAT THE IDF UNITS ON THE SYRIAN FRONT ARE PUTTING A COMPLETE CEASE-FIRE INTO EFFECT. THE IDF RESPONDED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE PROPOSAL OF THE CHIEF UN OBSERVER TO STATION UN OBSERVERS ALONG THE SYRIAN FRONTLINE. THE IDF IS READY TO DISCUSS IMMEDIATELY WITH THE UN CHIEF OBSERVER THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR STATIONING SUCH OBSERVERS.

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