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SECRETARY-GENERAL PLANS TO EXTEND MIDDLE EAST DISCUSSIONS

Having completed a first round of discussions with the United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon, the Secretary-General intends to avail himself of the opportunity to discuss various other matters pending between the United Nations and countries in the region.

He will therefore leave for Amman and Jerusalem Saturday, 21 June, for contacts regarding the Mount Scopus negotiations and related matters.

From there he may proceed to Cairo where he would intend to discuss various United Nations matters, including questions regarding the United Nations Emergency Force, which for some time have been claiming his personal attention but which have had to be postponed.

These contacts are in line with the Secretary-General's practice to maintain a current personal contact with member governments to the extent he finds time to do so.

The Secretary-General intends to return to Beirut for final consultations with the Observation Group Monday or Tuesday. Under present plans, he will return to New York Wednesday. His plans will, of course, be revised should developments call for any such change.

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