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The group visited an outstation at Saida, on the Mediterranean coast, about 45 kilometers south of Beirut, traveling in a convoy of four cars headed by a white United Nations jeep. Members spent about two hours at the station discussing operations in the area with Lt. Col. E. Lund of Norway, who is in charge, and some of the other observers.

At present 21 observers, with nine motor vehicles at their disposal, are quartered in Saida. From there they patrol the coastal area from the southern border to the river Ed Damour, just south of the town of Damour, and inland as far as the Mount Lebanon range.

Normally, two teams of four observers and two jeeps are on constant patrol in this area from early morning until late at night. Plans are being made to set up a substation in the area.

The teams stationed at Saida include several naval officers with special responsibility for observing possible infiltration by sea.

The outstation has its headquarters just north of Saida.

In the last two days UN observers have continued to improve their contact with opposition leaders in order to ensure safe conduct during observation patrols in these areas.

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Observers Receive Assurances

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Other meetings were held with Theofik Haider, in the central Bekaa area; Shebly Arian, at Mazraat Beir el-Ashayer; and Kamel Jumblatt at his headquarters at Moukhtara. The observers who visited Moukhtara received a permit permitting them to travel on roads in the Chouf area "as visitors."

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