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SITUATION FOLLOWING AIR ATTACK.

1. AT 081205Z WHILE SHIP ON COURSE 283 DEG SPEED 05 KNOTS POSITION 31 DEG 35.5 MIN NORTH 33 DEG 29 MIN EAST SHIP ATTACKED BY UNIDENTIFIED JET FIGHTERS. BELIEVED TO BE ISREALI. APPROXIMATELY SIX STRAFING RUNS MADE ON SHIP. APPROXIMATELY 081225Z THREE TORPEDO BOATS ONE IDENTIFIED AS ISREALI APPROACHED SHIP ON STBD QTR AT EVG SPEED. HULL NUMBER OF ONE BOAT WAS 206-17 APPROXIMATELY 081427Z TOOK TORPEDO UNDER FIRE WITH 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUNS HAVE RANGE OF 2000 YARDS. TORPEDO BOAT LAUNCHED TORPEDO AND STRAFING ATTACK. ONE TORPEDO PASSED APPROX 25 YARDS ASTERN APPROXIMATELY ONE MINUTE LATER SHIP SUSTAINED TORPEDO HIT STBD SIDE SHIP IS 10 DEG STBD LIST WATER TIGHT BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED AND HOLDING AFTER ATTACK TORPEDO BOAT CLEARED TO EAST ABOUT FIVE MILES. CLEARING AREA AT 10 KNOTS.

2. PHOTOS OF AIRCRAFT AND BOATS TAKEN. AFTER ATTACK COMPLETED TWO

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ISREALI HELICOPTERS ORBITED SHIP AT ABOUT 081255Z RANGE 500 YARDS
ISREALI INSIGNIA CLEARLY VISIBLE. PHOTOS TAKEN SEVERAL PROJECTILES
HAVE BEEN RECOVERED FROM TOPSIDE AREAS NUMBER IS ESTIMATED AT
10 NUMBER SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AT 15. TOTAL WOUNDED 75. NUMBER MISSING
CURRENTLY UNDETERMINED.

3. SHIP UNABLE TO CARRY OUT MISSION. WILL SUBMIT PERSONNEL CASREPS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SEPERATELY

4. EXTENSIVE SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE TOPSIDE. LOWER DECK SPACES FORWARD
DESTROYED.

5. COMM CAPABILITIES LIMITED WILL PROVIDE FILM AND PROJECTILES
RECOVERED AS DIRECTED. SHIP WILL REQUIRE DRY DOCK AND EXTENSIVE
REFITTING.

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