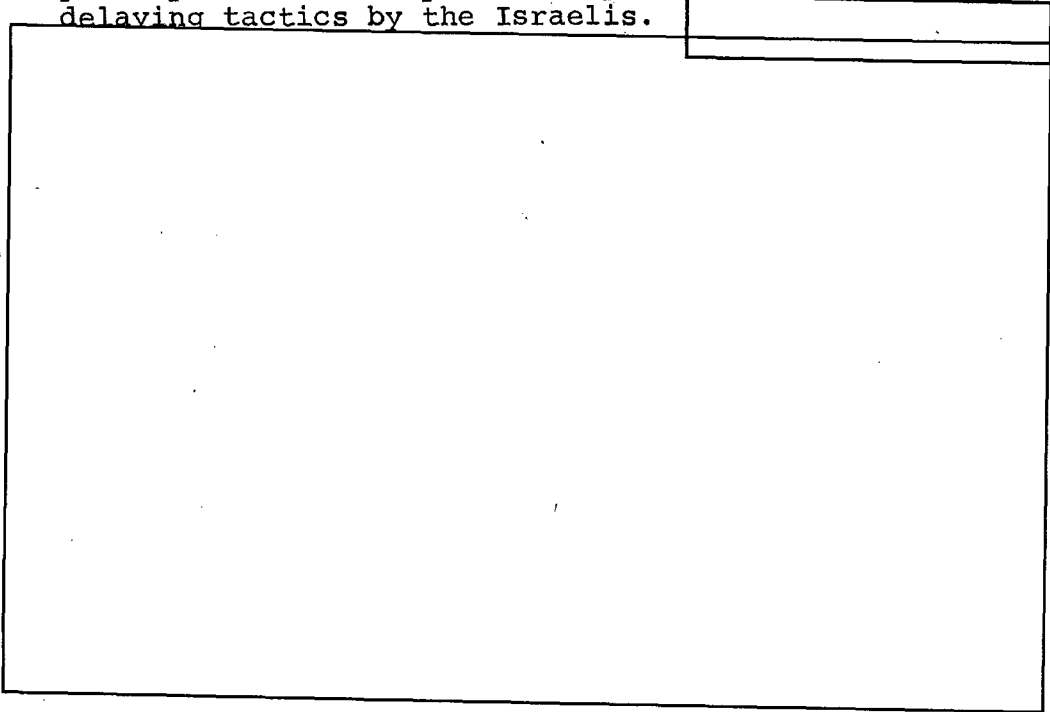


ARAB STATES - ISRAEL: Egypt's announcement yesterday of a halt in the disengagement talks at Kilometer 101 was accompanied with accusations and a stern warning to the Israelis. There are some indications from both sides, however, that the meetings may be resumed in the near future.

In a strongly worded statement, an official Egyptian spokesman charged Israel with evading implementation of the six-point cease-fire accord and warned that Tel Aviv will be held responsible for "all consequences." The spokesman stated that Egypt had broken off the talks because at yesterday's meeting Israel had "renege" on earlier proposals for disengagement.

Few details of Thursday's abortive session are available, but the Egyptians apparently were completely frustrated by what they view as deliberate delaying tactics by the Israelis.



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The Israelis have been slow to react to the breakdown of negotiations, apparently in an attempt to minimize the stalemate. General Yariv, Israel's chief representative at the talks, commented soon after yesterday's session that he assumed talks will continue although he admitted that no date had been set for the next session. Yariv chose to emphasize that the two sides had agreed to prevent further military incidents through establishing contacts at the level of local commanders with the help of UN officials. Yariv described the main stumbling block in the talks as a failure to reach agreement on the "principle of territorial reciprocity." Israel's leading military commentator, General Haim Herzog, used the same phrase in his criticism of the Egyptians' assumption--"reinforced by assurances from the big powers"--that they can demand an Israeli withdrawal from the west bank without making an appropriate concession in return.

According to the Israeli press, there were sporadic exchanges of small arms fire at various points along the Egyptian front. The clash which marred yesterday's meeting at Kilometer 101 lasted for over 30 minutes and involved anti-tank missiles as well as light arms fire.

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