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M/E - 1700 INTRO: SHOOTING

JERUSALEM, AUG 25 (UPI)- ISRAELI AND JORDANIAN ARTILLERYMEN EXCHANGED BARRAGES IN THE BEISAN VALLEY TODAY IN A SERIES OF BORDER CLASHES FROM BEFORE DAWN UNTIL LATER AFTERNOON.

AN ISRAELI MILITARY SPOKESMAN IN JERUSALEM SAID FIGHTING STARTED EARLY THIS MORNING WHEN JORDANIAN TROOPS BEGAN LIGHT ARMS FIRE THAT SOON BUILT UP INTO MORTAR DUELS.

JORDANIAN ARTILLERY JOINED THE BORDER EXCHANGES EARLY THIS AFTERNOON, WHEN JORDANIAN GUNS SHELLLED ASHDOD-YAACOV SETTLEMENT HE SAID. ISRAELI GUNNERS RETURNED THE ARTILLERY FIRE.

TWO ISRAELI SOLDIERS AND ONE CIVILIAN WERE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED, ISRAELI OFFICIALS SAID.

THE ISRAELI MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID JORDANIAN FIRE CONCENTRATED ON THE ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS OF BET-JOSEPH, NEVE-OR, HAMDIEH AND ASHDOD-YAACOV, SHIFTING IN THE AFTERNOON TO INCLUDE ELHAMA IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS NEAR THE SYRIAN BORDER.

LULLS UP TO AN HOUR BROKE THE FIRING, THE ISRAELIS SAID.

(REUTER)- A JORDANIAN SPOKESMAN SAID ISRAELI FORCES HAD OPENED MACHINE GUN AND MORTAR FIRE TODAY ON THE AL-MANSHIYA, SHEIKH HUSSEIN BRIDGE AND TAL AL-ARBAEIN AREAS IN THE NORTHERN JORDAN VALLEY.

JORDANIAN FORCES RETURNED THE FIRE AND THE EXCHANGE LASTED FOR ONE HOUR. THERE WERE NO JORDANIAN CASUALTIES.

LATER ISRAELI FORCES IN THE SAME AREA RESUMED MACHINE GUN, MORTAR AND TANK FIRE, AGAINST JORDANIAN POSITIONS IN AL-BAQOURA, AL-ADASSIYA, AL-MANSHIYA AND THE SHEIKH HUSSEIN BRIDGE AREA.

JORDANIAN FORCES RETURNED THE FIRE AND AGAIN THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

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