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Israel Border Flare-up

The Middle East: Extensive damage, with shattered homes ~~in the Gaza strip~~ in the Gaza strip - mark ~~the~~ recent clashes between Egyptian and Israeli forces - ~~the~~ *skirmishes* described as "border incidents".

~~intense shelling by both sides (in which many civilians have been killed) has been reported by the Egyptian Command~~

Ranging far into Israeli territory, ~~the~~ *COMMANDO* raiders launched bombing attacks against transport and civilian property. (S)

Meanwhile, United Nations observers ~~are~~ - awaiting the arrival of the Secretary-General, Mr Hammarskjold, to begin his investigations.

Another despatch comes from Cairo - where President Nasser took the Salute at a parade of Egyptian War Veterans, ~~in aid of Service Credits~~

~~More encouraging news comes~~ *To* Irak - where King Feisal has inaugurated the Samarra Barrage - designed to control the waters of the Tigris and ~~Euphrates~~ *EUPHRATES*.

The project (carried out by a British firm) will prevent flooding and ~~irrigate potential agricultural land~~ bring cultivation to ~~the~~ once-barren land.