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LIXTH FLT, COMSERV-,5: QUOTE UNCLAS SIT FOLPAIR ATTACK

1. AT 081205Z,pWHILE SHIP ON COURSE 283 DEGREES, SPEED

FIVE KNOTS POSITION 31 DEGREES, 35.5 MINS NORTH, 33

DEGREES 29 MINS EAST SHIP ATTACKED BY UNIDENTIFIED

JET FIGHTERS, BELIEVED TO BE ISRAELI.IAPPROXIMATELY SIX

STRAFFING RUNS MADE ON SHIP APPROX 081225Z THREE TORPEDEO

BOATS, ONE IDENT AS ISRAELI APPROACHED SHIP ON STARBOARD

QUARTER AT HIGH SPEED. HULL NUMBER OF ONE BOAT 206-17.

AT APPROX 081427Z TOOK TORPEDO BOAT UNDER FIRE BY 50 CAL

MACHINE GUNS AT RANGE OF APPROX 2000 YARDS TORPEDO BOAT

LAUNCHED TORPEDOS IN STRAFFING ATTACK.

ONE TORPEDO PASSED APPROX 75 YARDS

ASTERN. APPROX ONE MIN LATER SHIP SUSTAINED TORPEDO

HIT STARBARD SIDE. SHIP HAS TEN DEGREE STARBARD LIST.

WATER TIGHT BOUNDRIES ESTABLISHED AND HOLDING. AFTER ATTACK

TORPEDO BOATS CLEARED TO EAST ABOUT FIVE MILES.

CLEARING AREA AT TEN KNOTS.

WM PHOTOS OF AIRCRAFT AND BOATS TAKEN. AFTER

WTTACK COMPLETED TWO ISRAELI HELICOPTERS ORBITTED SHIP.

AT ABOUT 081255Z RANGE 500 YARDS. ISRAELI INSIGNIA

QLEAFLY VISIBLE, PHOTOS TAKEN. SEVERAL PROJECTILES HAVE

BEEN RECOVERED FROM TOPSIDE AREAS.LNUMBER DEAD EST TEN,

SERIOUSLY WOUNDED EST ONE FIVE, TOTAL WOUNDED SEVEN FIVE,

UNDERTERMINED NUMBER OF MISSING.

3. SHIP UNABLE TO CARRY OUT MISSION. WILL SUBMIT

PERSONNEL CASREPS ASAP SEPARATELY.

RM EXTENSIVE SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE TOPSIDE, LOWER DECK

SPACES, FORWARD DESTROYED.

5. COMMUNICATIONS CAPABAILITIES LIMITED. WILL

PROVIDE FILM AND PROJECTILES RECOVERED AS DIRECTED.

M SHIP WILL REQUIRE DRY DOCKING AND EXTENSIVE

REFITTING. UNQUOTE. THIS STATION MONITORING SIXTH FLEET

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