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LETTER DATED 6 JUNE 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that on 10 May 1996 a patrol boat flying the flags of Kuwait and of the United Nations stopped an Indian launch, the Ragenery Jute, sailing in the Khor Abdullah area in the direction of the port of Khor al-Zubayr near buoy number 17 inside Iraqi territorial waters. A group from the Kuwaiti patrol boarded the vessel and proceeded to tear open over 100 sacks of sugar that the launch was carrying.

I request that you intervene with Kuwait and take such measures as are provided for by the Charter of the United Nations to halt these activities and prevent their recurrence in the future. Such activities are without justification and only serve to exacerbate the food deprivation and suffering of the Iraqi people, contributing to unrest and instability in the region.

I assert the right of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to seek legal compensation for the damage done in this action, which was carried out in contravention of the Charter of the United Nations and of the principles of international law.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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