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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO
THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government and further to our previous letters, I have the honour to bring the following serious Iraqi violations of the terms of cease-fire between Iran and Iraq to your attention.

Iraq's violations of the terms of cease-fire between that country and the Islamic Republic of Iran have been duly taken up with Iraqi officials. In view of the internal turmoil in Iraq and the external difficulties it faces, we have patiently strived to deal with these violations bilaterally in the capitals of the two countries and at the borders. The Islamic Republic of Iran has exercised maximum self-restraint in managing consistent Iraqi violations so as to preclude further escalation. We are determined to continue this approach, aiming to de-escalate tension at the borders. In this context, we cannot but continue to press the Iraqi authorities to put an immediate end to these violations of the terms of cease-fire between the two countries.

1. On 4 April 1991, an Iranian 214 helicopter, owing to adverse weather conditions, landed in the vicinity of an Iraqi border post in Fakkeh region. An Iranian non-commissioned officer, Ali Asghar Mahmudi, who got off the helicopter to identify the area, was captured by several armed Iraqi forces. Realizing its mistake, the helicopter immediately returned.
2. On 25 April 1991, an Iraqi armoured battalion and two infantry battalions advanced from the east of Basra between Shalamcheh and Adab-Bast canal towards the border line at the geographic coordinates of TP 148-757 on the map of Khorramshahr, firing 35 tank shells, 15 artillery shells and several rocket-launcher shells against the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
3. On 27 April 1991, six Iraqi forces from the 443rd infantry brigade penetrated into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the geographic coordinates of ND 708-948 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin. They were taken captive by the Iranian border guards.

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4. On 3 May 1991, at 1500 hours, Iraqi forces shelled Iranian territory with a 23mm cannon. The geographic coordinates of NE-393-873 on the map of Sardasht were hit by Iraqi cannon shells.

5. On 4 May 1991, at 0130 hours, Iraqi forces fired several 60mm rocket-launcher shells at the geographic coordinates of ND 474-226 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin.

6. On 5 May 1991, Iraqi forces stationed about 80 to 90 soldiers in the no man's land at the geographic coordinates of ND 477-214 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter was circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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