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OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of fresh violations by the Iranian side, during the period 3 August to 15 September 1993, of the provisions of the cease-fire and of the terms governing the area of separation between the two countries. The Iranian infractions are set forth hereunder.

1. On 3 August 1993, an armed Iranian patrol seized four Iraqi fishing boats with 35 fishermen on board near Khawr Abd Allah harbour. They were taken to Khawr Musa harbour and placed under guard. The owners of the boats, namely Abd al-Amir Khudayr Salman, Karim Yasin Shannan, Taha Yasin Shannan and Abd Allah Abd al-Rasul, were taken to the Iranian Dayr Abta' police centre and interrogated. The fishermen and the boats were returned to Iraq on 7 August 1993.
2. At 1230 hours on 9 August 1993, an Iranian bulldozer was seen working on the road leading to the Iranian oil well at coordinates 4458 opposite the Saddam post. At 1600 hours it ceased work and parked at coordinates 4456 inside the area of separation.
3. At 1230 hours on 9 August 1993, the Iranian side proceeded to establish a new position opposite Iraqi units. Over a one-hour period, a number of dump-trucks brought earth and unloaded it at the position. Subsequently, the Iranian flag was raised at coordinates 416635 inside the area of separation.
4. At 0850 hours on 11 August 1993, two Land Cruiser pick-up trucks carrying 5 to 10 persons were seen drawing up at coordinates 4157 opposite the Saddam post. The persons proceeded to build a mud hut near the oil well at the same coordinates inside the area of separation.
5. At 1100 hours on 13 August 1993, a group of an estimated nine soldiers from the Iranian side was seen carrying out maintenance work on the positions at coordinates 514501 inside the area of separation opposite the Fakkah post.
6. At 1100 hours on 16 August 1993, the Iranian side fired a smoke shell at coordinates 0594 opposite the Tib post and individuals on the Iranian side observed its point of impact inside the area of separation.

7. At 0900 hours on 17 August 1993, four Iranian soldiers were observed carrying out maintenance work on the positions at coordinates 518519 inside the area of separation opposite the Fakkah post.

8. At 2200 hours on 21 August 1993, the Iranian side occupied the abandoned Iranian regimental headquarters at coordinates 518529 inside the area of separation opposite the Fakkah post with a force estimated at infantry-company strength. This coincided with the presence of a Land Cruiser pick-up vehicle and a Mercedes dump-truck with six small water trailers. They proceeded to build a cane fence, adding to the old fence, and to illuminate it with electric lighting.

9. At 0545 hours on 25 August 1993, the Iranian side laid an ambush at coordinates 5461 (northern Majnun) at the location of the civilian engineering unit and succeeded in abducting five civilians and two soldiers together with their weapons.

10. At 0700 hours on 25 August 1993, five soldiers from the Iranian side were seen carrying corrugated iron sheets in order to repair and build a roof for a machine-gun position at coordinates 850080 inside the area of separation. Work continued for 15 minutes, and they then withdrew.

11. At 1010 hours on 25 August 1993, four soldiers from the Iranian side were seen carrying out maintenance work on a defensive position opposite the Bajliyah post inside the area of separation.

12. At 1135 hours on 29 August 1993, a small khaki-coloured helicopter belonging to the Iranian side was seen coming from the Iranian rear. It landed at the Iranian regiment at coordinates 518529 opposite the Fakkah post.

13. At 0916 hours on 30 August 1993, a group of individuals from the Iranian side at coordinates 560550 (northern Majnun) fired three rounds from a single-barrel machine-gun in the direction of the Iraqi units at coordinates 525558.

14. At 1200 hours on 30 August 1993, a group of an estimated 15 soldiers from the Iranian side was observed digging a communications trench and erecting barbed wire at the Iranian post inside the area of separation at coordinates 031933 opposite the Iraqi units. The work continued until 1245 hours.

15. At 0835 hours on 9 September 1993, 12 Iranian soldiers were observed building a brick hut inside the area of separation at coordinates 4256 opposite the Saddam post.

16. At 0940 hours on 9 September 1993, an Iranian helicopter was observed at a distance of 3 kilometres in front of Iraqi units. It then returned to the Iranian rear.

17. At 1050 hours on 9 September 1993, the Iranian side proceeded to instal barbed wire around the rampart screening the Iranian forward position at coordinates 918751 inside the area of separation.

18. At 0855 hours on 11 September 1993, 11 Iranian soldiers were seen digging two positions inside the area of separation at coordinates 514501 opposite the Fakkah post.

19. At 0855 hours on 12 September 1993, a group of individuals from the Iranian side estimated at infantry-platoon strength was observed training with an RPG-7 launcher inside the area of separation opposite the Fakkah post.

20. At 0830 hours on 13 September 1993, six individuals from the Iranian side were observed carrying out maintenance work on the Iranian positions at coordinates 517506 inside the area of separation opposite the Fakkah post.

21. At 1615 hours on 13 September 1993, individuals at the Iranian post at coordinates 562551 (northern Majnun) fired six rounds from a Dimitrov heavy machine-gun in the direction of our units.

22. At 1430 hours on 14 September 1993 the Iranian side fired a smoke shell from a 60-millimetre mortar from the Iranian position at coordinates 559523 (northern Majnun) which fell in front of Iraqi units 200 metres inside Iraqi territory.

23. On the night of 14/15 September 1993, the artillery of the Iranian regime shelled the villages of Daru Khan, Isma'il Agha, Jawusah and Harbir to the north-east of Panjwin 4 to 5 kilometres inside Iraqi territory. The shelling set fire to sown fields and caused displacement of the inhabitants.

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

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