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Letter dated 26 July 2001 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 notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by Iran between 22 April and 2 July 2001, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

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

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Annex to the letter dated 26 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 22 April-2 July 2001

1. 22 April 2001

At 1600 hours the Iranians fired 17 130-mm artillery shells at the Ali al-Gharbi district of Maysan Governorate.

2. 7 May 2001

At 1950 hours Ahmad Awad Abbud, a fisherman and resident of Dhi Qar Governorate born in 1975, was fishing in a small boat in the Shatt al-Arab when he was hit in the abdomen by a round fired from the Iranian side as he was gathering his nets near the tubular bridge.

3. 19 May 2001

At 1800 hours the Iranians intercepted the Iraqi State Ports Corporation passenger boat *Al-Quds*. It came under heavy fire close to the first tubular bridge near Faw, and the fuel tank was punctured and the boat damaged.

4. 28 May 2001

At 1230 hours the Iraqi Rayah Company vessel Shatt al-Arab came under fire from the Iranian side as it was entering our territorial waters. Damage was done to the wheelhouse.

5. 7 June 2001

At 0600 hours the Iranians opened fire indiscriminately on Iraqi fishermen as they were working in the Shatt al-Arab in the Duwayb area. Two Iraqis were hurt, one of them seriously.

6. 10 June 2001

At 1000 hours the Iranians fired some shots at the customs control post in the Faw sector. The shooting resumed for a period of five minutes at 1700 hours.

7. 12 June 2001

At 0300 hours three Iranians armed with rifles in a patrol boat intercepted and boarded the tanker *Al-Mujtaba* while it was under way between Mina' al-Amayah al-Amiq and Mina' al-Bakr inside our territorial waters. They fired indiscriminately at the crewmen and the superstructure and two Iraqis were hurt, one of them seriously, and damage was done to the tanker. They subsequently headed towards the Iranian side.

8. 14 June 2001

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit began work at coordinates 5753 on mending the old road by spreading ballast along it. The equipment and vehicles used were four dump trucks, two bulldozers and two excavators.

9. 20 June 2001

At 0800 hours the Iranians opened a new position at the old port of Abadan opposite the Saybah river at coordinates 3759 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). Four soldiers armed with PKT weapons and GC rifles took part in the work.

10. 20 June 2001

At 0900 hours, as it was returning to Faw, Iraqi launch No. 108/Basrah was intercepted by an Iranian patrol boat with three armed men on board in the area between the crane near the entrance to the Shatt al-Arab and Mina' al-Amayah al-Amiq, inside our territorial waters. Those on the Iranian patrol boat ordered the master of the launch to halt and to give them his papers. The master did not, however, comply with their request and continued on his way. The personnel of the patrol then opened fire on the launch, and one of the Iraqis was wounded.

11. 21 June 2001

At 0845 hours the Iranians opened fire from the area opposite the tubular bridge in Faw district, Basrah Governorate. Adnan Daygham Salman Ubayd al-Rabi'i, a resident of the Shatt al-Arab area born in 1961, was hit in the right shoulder by one round while he was fishing in the aforesaid area, inside our territorial waters.

12. 21 June 2001

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of one excavator proceeded to dig an emplacement for a vehicle opposite the Ziyadiyah area at coordinates 4155 (1:100,000 map of Saybah).

13. 25 June 2001

At 1300 hours an Iranian engineering unit proceeded to build a position opposite the Saybah area at coordinates 3157 (1:100,000 map of Saybah).

14. 26 June 2001

At 1200 hours an Iranian engineering unit proceeded to construct six small emplacements on the pier opposite the Abadan refineries at coordinates 4055.

15. 27 June 2001

At 1245 hours two Iranian helicopters were seen coming from the Iranian rear and flying along the border strip at low altitude one kilometre from the boundary berm. They then returned to the Iranian rear.

16. 27 June 2001

At 1300 hours two grey Iranian helicopters were seen coming from Muhammarah port and heading towards Iran's Qasabah area opposite Faw. At 1330 hours they left in the direction of the Iranian rear.

17. 28 June 2001

At 0400 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying at low altitude and heading from Muhammarah port towards Abadan. It then returned towards Abadan before disappearing in the direction of the Iranian rear.

18. 28 June 2001

At 1330 hours the Iranians erected two new observation towers opposite the Mutawwa'ah area on the eastern shore of the Shatt al-Arab at coordinates 3065 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). Each tower was six metres high and was manned by one soldier.

19. 28 June and 2 July 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work at coordinates 5753 on mending the old road by spreading ballast along it. The equipment and vehicles used were three dump trucks, two bulldozers and two excavators.

20. 29 June 2001

The Iranians burnt the reedbeds along the eastern shore of the Shatt al-Arab opposite Faw city.

21. 29 June and 2 July 2001

An Iranian engineering unit began work at the petroleum tower at coordinates 9122.

22. 29 July 2001

At 1200 hours the Iranians dug two small slit trenches along the eastern shore of the Shatt al-Arab and on the southern edge of Hajj Salbukh island.