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

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of further violations of the cease-fire by the Iraqi forces.

1. On 20 August 1988, an Iraqi engineering group, at the geographic co-ordinates of 89/19 of the map of Halaleh in the direction of the Sangi gendarmerie, started the installation of barbed wire.
2. At 8:25 hours, on 20 August 1988, a 120-millimetre artillery shell was fired in the western area of Iran; the United Nations observers were present when the shell exploded.
3. At 20:00 hours, on 20 August 1988, the Iraqi forces settled one of their columns in the vicinity of Sumar.
4. At 20:45 hours, on 21 August 1988, Iraqi forces fired into the air.
5. At 22:30 hours, on 20 August 1988, the Iraqi army started to reinforce its forces at the Vakil fork in the Naftshahr area.
6. On 21 August 1988, the Iraqi forces started to pour soil over the Konjan-Cham road to Mehran, at the geographic co-ordinates of 129/715 and 733 on the map of Mehran, and thus prevented any traffic to or from Mehran via the said route by Iranian forces.
7. At 18:00 hours, on 21 August 1988, Iraqi forces barricaded the Kanjom Dam road to Mehran at the geographic co-ordinates of 09/66 on the 1:50,000 map of Mehran. The Iraqi forces claim that Iranian forces should now travel to Mehran via the Saheb-al-Zaman fork at the geographic co-ordinates of 25/62 on the 1:50,000 map of Malekshahi.
8. At 14:30 hours, on 22 August 1988, two Iraqi helicopters flew over height 2185 at the geographic co-ordinates of 05,500/N-29500 at Sardasht, and violated the Iranian border by 500 metres. Iraqi soldiers subsequently set up an Iraqi flag and penetrated Iranian territory by 700 to 800 metres.

9. On 22 August 1988, in the general area of Bayat in the north of the Esfaleh Moobian-Bayan, Iraqi forces set up three tents at a distance of 50 kilometres at the rear of Iranian forces.

10. At 11:00 hours, on 23 August 1988, Iraqi armoured vehicles and tanks moved in the direction of Iranian troops at the geographic co-ordinates of N/41/75. The Iranian forces, in accordance with their instructions and without engaging or firing, remained in their stations. At 11:20 hours, 15 Iraqi tanks and 15 armoured vehicles reached Iranian territory at the above-mentioned co-ordinates and then started to move along the road to Doyridge.

At 13:15 hours, Iraqi personnel forced a number of Iranian soldiers onto their armoured vehicles and confiscated their guns; several other Iranian soldiers threw themselves onto the ground so as not to have to get on the vehicles. Iraqi forces also beat up several Iranian officers, who were compelled to retreat while the Iraqis remained where they were.

At 13:20 hours, two Iranian officers and soldiers, who were on their way to consultations with the United Nations observer team, were arrested by Iraqi forces. To this moment, no news has been received of their whereabouts.

At 14:30 hours, the 15 Iraqi armoured vehicles crossed the area bridge and surrounded the Iranian soldiers and blocked the route.

The Iranian forces, in order to prevent any engagement and exacerbation of the situation, avoided all confrontation with the Iraqi troops. The United Nations observer forces were unable to stop the advances made by the Iraqi forces.

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

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