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LETTER DATED 25 AUGUST 1988 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF THE  
PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the Iranian armed forces have carried out the following violations of the provisions of the cease-fire.

1. At 1015 hours on 20 August 1988, soldier Khalil Ibrahim Latif was killed in the district of Sayf Sa'd after being injured by gunfire from an Iranian soldier.
2. Enemy shelling was confined to the period from 1245 hours until 1800 hours on 20 August 1988, during which 15 artillery shells fell in the area of operations of the V Army Corps.
3. Iranian vessels carried out activities in the Shatt al-Arab on 20 August 1988.
4. While the Iraqi ship Khawlah was sailing through international waters in the Gulf on 20 August 1988, an Iranian helicopter flew over it until 1919 hours. An Iranian warship tracked the Iraqi ship at the same time.
5. On the morning of 21 August 1988, a group of enemy personnel estimated at 70 armed men penetrated into the area of our regular patrols in the central sector. At 1618 hours, the force captured one Iraqi officer and three soldiers.
6. At 1950 hours on 22 August 1988, an Iranian detachment approached our units in the Eyn Khosh area. The commander of the Iranian detachment was ordered to withdraw to the detachment's original positions, but he refused to do so and claimed that he had orders from his superiors to occupy the area.
7. Iranian violations from 0600 hours (local time) on 23 August 1988 until 0600 hours (local time) on 24 August 1988 were as follows:

(a) Before 1600 hours on 23 August 1988, the Iranians established two observation posts, each consisting of five individuals, at distances of 100 and 500 metres, respectively, from our units' observation posts in the Farrokh Abad

area. The enemy reinforced its observation posts with three hostile vehicles carrying three officers, one of them with the rank of major, and a number of other personnel.

(b) From 0600 hours until 1300 hours on 23 August 1988, 12 assorted vehicles were observed moving from deep inside Iran towards the west bank of the Doveyrij river and then stopping there. At 2045 hours, a column of 25 vehicles was seen in the area close to the Doveyrij river, the Cham Hendi district and adjoining areas, where they stopped. As light faded on 23 August 1988, a number of Iranian soldiers were 500 metres from our positions, and Iranian vehicles were seen near the Doveyrij river and Cham Hendi preparing to cross west of the river.

(c) At 2350 hours (local time) on 23 August 1988, a member of the enemy forces fired four rifle rounds from the southern Abadan area towards our positions.

8. From 1445 hours until 1605 hours (local time) on 24 August 1988, two helicopters were observed, one proceeding from deep inside Iran and approaching to within a distance of 5 kilometres from Musiyan before retracing its course and the second proceeding from Dehloran to Eyn Khosh.

The competent Iraqi authorities reported these violations to the international observer group at Baghdad.

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

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Ambassador  
Chargé d'affaires

