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LETTER DATED 6 SEPTEMBER 1988 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. 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 on 3 September 1988 the Iranian armed forces committed more than 20 breaches of the cease-fire. The details of these breaches are as follows:

1. At 0110 hours on 3 September 1988, an Iranian soldier fired one round in the direction of our units of the Second Army Corps.
2. At 0840 hours, a group of some three to five members of the enemy forces laid mines at the mouth and on the right bank of the drainage canal situated in the sector occupied by our Third Army Corps.
3. At 0845 hours, the enemy hoisted the Iranian flag opposite listening post No. 1 situated 100 metres from the units of our Third Army Corps.
4. At 0930 hours, an enemy boat with three people on board tried to leave the Karun River and enter the Shatt-al-Arab.
5. At 0935 hours, a group of approximately 15 enemy soldiers was observed digging a trench on the summit of Mount Sarbi, opposite the units of our Fifth Army Corps.
6. At 1035 hours, two members of the enemy forces tried to approach one of our positions, inside the zone occupied by our Third Army Corps.
7. At 1110 hours, eight members of the enemy forces attempted to erect a guard post in front of our units of the Third Army Corps.
8. At 1230 hours, the enemy erected several new positions inside the Iranian sector, including a BKC machine-gun post some 150-200 metres from the zone occupied by our Second Army Corps.
9. Also at 1230 hours, three unarmed members of the enemy forces approached the first demarcation line situated at a distance of 250 metres from our units in the zone occupied by our Third Army Corps.

10. At 1315 hours, new enemy observation posts were detected 500 metres from the positions of our First Army Corps. Each of these posts is guarded by a soldier. Several foot-soldiers engaged in fortification works are also to be found among these various posts.
11. At 1425 hours, the enemy erected a light-machine-gun post protected by sandbags in front of our units of the Third Army Corps.
12. At 1525 hours, an enemy boat left the southern part of Abadan bay and entered the Shatt al-Arab.
13. At 1645 hours, nine enemy soldiers were observed on Mount Khadar Shariane, building a new observation post facing towards the units of our Third Army Corps.
14. At 1745 hours, an enemy soldier fired five to seven shots with a light arm from enemy positions towards the units of our Third Army Corps.
15. At 1815 hours, five enemy soldiers were observed in front of the defence positions of our Third Army Corps, engaging in observation and hand signalling exercises.
16. At 1830 hours, a group of about seven enemy soldiers approached to a distance of 600 metres from the defence positions of the units of our Second Army Corps and dug a position there.
17. At 1915 hours, seven enemy soldiers descended Mount Sarbi as far as the base of the spur marking the frontier and placed mines there opposite the units of our Fifth Army Corps.
18. At 2000 hours, our forces observed the lights and heard the noise of 10 enemy tanks crossing the demarcation line and penetrating 300 metres inside the sector of our Third Army Corps.
19. At 2010 hours, an enemy soldier fired a flare in the direction of the units of our Third Army Corps.
20. Also at 2010 hours, the enemy fired a green flare in the direction of the units of our Fourth Army Corps.
21. At 2100 hours, the enemy fired a flare in the direction of the units of our Third Army Corps.
22. The enemy installed a new radar post opposite the units of our Fifth Army Corps.
23. Military engineering activities directed against the units of our Seventh Army Corps were observed on the Iranian side.
24. Our forces saw enemy tanks penetrate 200 metres inside the sector of the Fifth Army Corps.

25. The enemy erected a lookout post at the foot of Mount Sarbi and assigned nine armed men to this post, which faces our Fifth Army Corps.

The competent Iraqi authorities have informed the group of United Nations military observers at Baghdad of these breaches.

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

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Ambassador  
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

