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LETTER DATED 2 SEPTEMBER 1988 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Following our message of 1 September 1988, we list below violations of the cease-fire agreement committed by Iran up to 6 a.m. on 1 September 1988.

1. First Army Corps region

(a) On 31 August 1988 at 2.30 p.m., an Iranian unfurled an Iranian flag in front of the hoarding in Birnek;

(b) On 31 August 1988 at 4.15 p.m., a group of 8 to 11 Iranians took photographs in the region;

(c) On 31 August at 4.25 p.m., five Iranians approached to within 150 metres of the Iraqi flag in one sector of the region. On being instructed to withdraw, they retraced their steps;

(d) On 31 August 1988 at 6.30 p.m., three Iranians approached to within 50 metres of the listening post of one of our units. On being instructed to withdraw, they complied;

(e) On 31 August 1988 at 2.20 p.m., two Land Cruiser pickups carrying some 25 people were spotted driving out of the Iranian hinterland as they approached one of our units. Being instructed to withdraw when they were no more than 300 metres from our positions, they complied. At the same time a large emergency vehicle and a Land Cruiser converted into an ambulance were sighted coming from the interior of Iran as they approached our positions. The people inside unfurled an Iranian flag and a black flag. Being instructed to withdraw, they went back the way they had come.

2. Third Army Corps region

(a) On 31 August 1988 at 4.15 p.m., 8 to 11 enemy soldiers approached our units in the region;

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(b) On 31 August 1988 at 4.25 p.m., five enemy elements approached to within 15 metres of the Iraqi flag; they withdrew upon being instructed to do so;

(c) On 31 August 1988 at 6.30 p.m., three enemy elements approached to within 50 metres of the listening post of one of our units in the region; they later withdrew;

(d) On 31 August 1988 at 7.20 p.m., three enemy elements approached the listening post of one of our units near our positions' barbed wire barricades. They were instructed not to approach, but one threw a scrap of paper towards our forces containing a message urging us to retreat from one of our forward positions.

There is nothing to report from the regions held by the other army corps. The Military Observer Group has been informed of all the above violations.

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

(Signed) Ali SUMAIDA
Ambassador, Chargé d'affaires

