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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 committed the following violations of the cease-fire.

1. On 28 August 1988 at 0710 hours, Iranian enemy elements hoisted a black flag opposite one of our positions and two other flags opposite another of our positions in the Third Army Corps sector.
2. At 0930 hours, Iranian enemy elements hoisted two Iranian flags at a point on the enemy lines opposite our positions in the aforementioned sector, erected barbed wire and installed a machine-gun to defend the position.
3. At 0940 hours, three Iranians approached one of the said Iranian flags, whereupon an Iranian mine exploded.
4. At 1630 hours, a group of about 30 members of the enemy forces approached one of our positions in the Third Army Corps sector.
5. Also at 1630 hours, a group of about 100 members of the enemy forces hoisted four flags, erected barbed wire and laid mines opposite our positions.
6. At 1655 hours, the enemy hoisted three flags and set up a post outside the barbed-wire barricade opposite our positions in the Third Army Corps sector.
7. Also at 1655 hours, a Land Cruiser carrying five persons equipped with binoculars approached to within 500 metres of our positions in the First Special Army Corps sector.
8. At 1805 hours, an enemy boat was spotted emerging from the mouth of the Karun River and heading north with five persons on board who were gesticulating in the direction of the far bank.
9. At 2035 hours, a shot was fired from a GC rifle in the direction of our positions at Hajj Umran.

10. At 1200 hours on the same day, three columns each consisting of 10 vehicles were spotted coming from the direction of Amirabad; the vehicles, which were carrying troops numbering more than one infantry regiment, were then positioned on higher ground to the east of the Kanjan Dam.
11. On 29 August 1988 at 0900 hours, two enemy boats, one with five Iranians and another with two Iranians on board, were seen at the confluence of the Karun River and the Shatt al-Arab.
12. At 1010 hours, nine Iranians carrying aloft a white flag were spotted heading towards a point in the First Special Army Corps sector, where they planted the flag.
13. At 1905 hours, three unarmed Iranians approached to within 700 metres of an observation post of one of our units, whereupon they were repeatedly told by means of loud hailers to withdraw.
14. At 1910 hours, four Iranians were spotted approaching a listening post of one of our units; they were warned not to approach any further.
15. At 1925 hours, an Iranian boat was spotted near the confluence of the Karun River and the Shatt al-Arab; its occupants were warned by means of loud hailers.
16. At 1950 hours, six Iranians in civilian clothes and carrying light weapons and a white flag approached our positions in the First Army Corps sector; they were given a warning and told to return to Iranian lines immediately.
17. At 2100 hours, the enemy fired a green flare from their lines opposite the First Special Army Corps sector.
18. At 2200 hours, 35 Iranian soldiers approached corridor No. 5 in the Third Army Corps sector.
19. On 30 August 1988 at 0700 hours, a patrol of the United Nations Observer Group led by a major accompanied by an Iraqi liaison officer set out in order to investigate the cease-fire violation mentioned in paragraph 10 above. From a post of one of our units, the observers noticed that the Iranians had put up markers and had erected one post manned by two soldiers and five unmanned posts.
20. At 1000 hours, a patrol of the United Nations Observer Group went to the scene of the cease-fire violation mentioned above in paragraph 17; the Iranians refused to allow it to meet with the observers on duty in the Iranian sector, but the patrol confirmed the Iranian violation.
21. At 1050 hours, an enemy helicopter was spotted about 2.5 kilometres from our positions; it was coming from Dehloran and heading towards Eyn Khush.
22. At 1700 hours, the enemy removed the barbed wire and other obstacles situated close to one of our units of the Third Army Corps; in the same sector, at 2042 hours, a green flare was fired and the sounds of four vehicles were heard.

23. At 2100 hours, four enemy vehicles were spotted behind the enemy's first line of defence in the Third Army Corps sector.
24. Twenty additional tents were spotted at a point opposite one of our units in the Fourth Army Corps sector, and enemy units were seen training for attack operations.
25. The Iranian enemy erected a 10-metre-high observation tower at a point some 200 metres from the Shatt al-Arab.
26. Engineering activities were observed opposite our positions in the following areas: al-Matu'ah, the mouth of the Karun River and the Arayid River.
27. On 31 August 1988 at 1430 hours, an Iranian unfurled an Iranian flag in front of the Birnek sign.
28. Also at 1430 hours, two Land Cruiser pickup trucks carrying some 25 people were spotted heading out from the Iranian lines; they reached a point some 300 metres from our positions in the Kani Rosh area. At the same time, two other vehicles - a large emergency vehicle and a Land Cruiser ambulance - carried out a similar manoeuvre, whereupon the occupants hoisted an Iranian flag and a black flag.
29. At 1615 hours, a group of some 8-11 Iranians took photographs in the First Army Corps sector.
30. At 1625 hours, five Iranians approached to within 150 metres of an Iraqi flag situated in the First Army Corps sector.
31. At 1830 hours, three Iranians approached to within 50 metres of the listening post of one of our units.
32. At 1920 hours, three members of the enemy forces approached the listening post of one of our units near the barbed-wire barricade protecting our positions; they were warned not to come any closer, whereupon one of them threw a scrap of paper bearing a message urging us to retreat from one of our forward positions.

The competent Iraqi authorities have brought all these violations to the attention of the United Nations Observer Group in Baghdad.

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

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