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LETTER DATED 13 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 the Iranian armed forces recently committed the following violations of the cease-fire.

1. At 0720 hours on 7 September 1988, three gun emplacements built out of sandbags were spotted opposite our units of the Second Army Corps, at a distance of 300 metres from our forward positions. They had been erected during the night.
2. At 1100 hours on 7 September, it was observed that the enemy had constructed another gun emplacement opposite our forward positions in the Second Army Corps.
3. At 0930 hours on 7 September, a bulldozer was seen operating opposite our forward positions in the Fourth Army Corps.
4. Military engineering activities were spotted at various locations opposite our units of the Seventh Army Corps.
5. At 0930 hours on 8 September, six enemy soldiers were seen digging a connecting trench some 20 metres in length and 120 metres from the enemy's forward positions opposite our units of the Second Army Corps.
6. At 11 hours on 8 September, 20 enemy soldiers were seen laying mines and erecting barbed wire in front of the village of Bay Sa'ud opposite our positions at a distance of 2.5 to 3 kilometres.
7. At 1125 hours on 8 September, the enemy were found to have erected two machine-gun posts at a distance of 6 to 7 kilometres from our units north of the Musiyan area in the Fourth Army Corps sector.
8. At 1150 hours, two tanks were spotted approaching from deep behind Iranian lines. They took up positions some 3 kilometres east of the river Duwairij in the Fourth Army Corps sector.

9. At 1100 hours on 8 September, three diggers and five dumper trucks were seen engaged in erecting an earth embankment at a point 1 kilometre east of the river Duwairij.
10. At 1000 hours on 8 September, an enemy boat with four persons on board was seen trying to emerge from an inlet into the Shatt al-Arab.
11. Two enemy Landcruiser pickup trucks were spotted, one of them with 10 occupants and the other with 4, approaching from deep behind Iranian lines and heading for enemy positions. They stopped opposite our units in the Kani Rosh area of the First Army Corps sector, where the occupants descended and the empty vehicles set off the way they had come.
12. At 1800 hours on 8 September, two enemy groups, of three persons each, were seen constructing two combat posts out of sandbags at a distance of 150 metres from the enemy's forward lines in the Second Army Corps sector.
13. At 1115 hours on 8 September, enemy elements were spotted constructing two positions opposite our units of the Fifth Army Corps.
14. At 1130 hours on 9 September, the enemy were found to have constructed a number of combat posts, each manned by three persons, opposite our forward units of the Second Army Corps, as follows: five of these combat posts were opposite our units of the Second Army Corps at a distance of 250-300 metres from our forward lines; two of them were opposite our units at a distance of 800-900 metres from the road leading deep behind Iranian lines; and two more positions were opposite our units at a distance of 250-300 metres from our forward lines in the Second Army Corps sector.
15. Between 0100 and 0110 hours on 9 September, the enemy fired irregular bursts and single rounds in various directions in the area lying between marker 265 and the Khormalah range. This was observed from our positions near marker 254 in the First Special Army Corps sector.
16. At 1230 hours on 9 September, the enemy were seen to have constructed two new positions opposite our units of the Fifth Army Corps.
17. At 1825 hours on 9 September, three dumper trucks were seen carrying a load of pipes towards enemy lines, where the pipes were unloaded and laid in the enemy ditch opposite our positions in the Third Army Corps sector.
18. At 1005 hours on 9 September, the enemy were found to have installed a BKC machine-gun and to have dug a connecting trench and new positions opposite our units of the Second Army Corps.
19. At 1725 hours on 9 September, the enemy were seen to have constructed two new combat posts within their former positions opposite our units of the Second Army Corps at a distance of 400-500 metres. Nine enemy soldiers, in two groups of four to five, manned these posts.

20. At 1815 hours on 9 September, two officers accompanied by three other soldiers tried to approach our forward positions, and another soldier came forward carrying an Iranian flag and signalling to them. They began digging some 150-200 metres from our positions in the Second Army Corps sector, and constructed a post commanding the only road leading towards our units of the Second Army Corps.

21. A group of enemy elements was observed erecting a metal tower some 20 metres high behind enemy lines at a distance of about 7 kilometres from our forward positions in the Fourth Army Corps sector.

22. Five separate military engineering activities were observed in progress opposite our units of the Seventh Army Corps.

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

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

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