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LETTER DATED 19 SEPTEMBER 1988 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
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 provisions:

1. At 0700 hours on 14 September 1988, the enemy was observed constructing four new positions opposite our forward positions in the I Special Army Corps sector at a distance of 3 kilometres from our units.
2. At 1010 hours on 15 September 1988, 10 Iranian soldiers proceeded to build a 10-man firing position opposite our forward positions at a distance of 150 metres from the forward perimeter of our units.
3. At 0920 hours on 14 September 1988, an excavator and a bulldozer were observed operating in front of the enemy defences in the II Army Corps sector.
4. At 1845 hours on 14 September 1988, the enemy proceeded to install an observation post on the earthwork mound in one of the zones of the II Army Corps sector.
5. At 0030 hours on 15 September 1988, the enemy fired two rounds from a regular GC rifle in the direction of our II Army Corps units.
6. At 1040 hours on 14 September 1988, 10 enemy personnel were observed on the summit of the Khadar Sarnani hill engaged in constructing a position in the V Army Corp sector.
7. Enemy groups were seen digging a new communications trench on the flank of Khadar Sartan, and other enemy groups were observed digging a new communications trench on the flank of 3D in the V Army Corps sector.
8. At 1750 hours on 14 September 1988, a bulldozer was observed on the Khadar Sartan range strengthening an earth embankment in the V Army Corps sector.

9. At 1005 hours on 14 September 1988, the enemy intruded three dump trucks and an excavator into the enemy zone opposite the Sharq al-Bighah triangle in the VI Army Corps sector.

10. At 1035 hours on 14 September 1988, the enemy began to repair the present opening inside its former positions on the Dasm barrage in the VI Army Corps sector.

11. Engineering activities were noted at various locations in the VII Army Corps sector.

12. At 0810 hours an Iranian boat carrying two enemy personnel was observed coming out of the Karun River in the direction of the Shatt al-Arab.

13. Engineering activities were observed at various locations in the VII Army Corps sector, such as the elevation of embankments and the levelling and repair of roads.

14. An enemy engineering unit was observed felling trees in order to cut the Amudi road in the direction of the east bank of the Shatt al-Arab.

The competent Iraqi authorities have notified the United Nations Observer Team in Baghdad of these violations.

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

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI
Permanent Representative
