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LETTER DATED 17 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 on 12 September 1988 the Iranian armed forces committed the following violations of the cease-fire provisions:

1. At 1250 hours, an enemy soldier fired four rifle shots in the direction of our I Army Corps units.
2. At 1800 hours, seven Iranians were spotted digging a communication trench opposite our I Army Corps units.
3. At 2207 hours, the enemy fired two red flares from a Very pistol for intelligence purposes in the area of Wadi Zulm, about 1 kilometre from our I Army Corps units.
4. At 2251 hours, the enemy fired a red flare from a Very pistol for intelligence purposes east of Valati peak, which is about 500 metres from our I Army Corps units.
5. At 1100 hours, a group of enemy personnel estimated at 14 in number was seen constructing three new combat positions 100 metres from the enemy's forward lines opposite our I Army Corps.
6. At 1230 hours, five enemy personnel were spotted with a camera attempting to photograph the defence positions of our I Special Army Corps.
7. At 1900 hours, the enemy were observed installing a machine-gun in their first defence lines opposite our III Army Corps.
8. At 1915 hours, a group of enemy personnel estimated at 12 in number, two of them armed, was spotted at a distance of about 300-400 metres from the enemy barricade situated opposite our III Army Corps.
9. At 1925 hours, three groups of enemy personnel, each group made up of an estimated five men, were seen digging three slit-trenches some 500 metres east of the River Doveyrij.

10. At 1400 hours, a number of enemy personnel were spotted erecting an observation tower about 8 kilometres from the forward lines of our IV Army Corps units.

11. At 1700 hours, the enemy were observed erecting five tents about 3.5 kilometres from our IV Army Corps units in the Musian area.

12. At 1910 hours, an enemy helicopter was spotted coming from Dehloran and heading for Ayn al-Khosh at a distance of about 1 kilometre from the forward positions of our IV Army Corps units.

13. The enemy were observed engaged in military engineering activities at various locations near our VII 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 circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI
Permanent Representative

