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Letter dated 29 September 1988 from the Permanent
Representative of Thailand to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to recent incidents in which Thailand's sovereignty and territorial integrity have been violated by Vietnamese forces. These have caused the loss of innocent lives of several Thai citizens and the destruction of their property. These incidents are as follows:

1. In July 1988, the Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea wilfully violated Thai sovereignty and territorial integrity in six provinces, namely, Chantaburi, Trad, Prachinburi, Surin, Srisaket and Burirum. There were altogether some 100 such incidents. These resulted in the deaths of one government official and nine civilians. Twenty-eight other officials and seven civilians were also seriously injured. Furthermore, 16 pieces of government and civilian property were damaged by these incidents.

During the same period, Vietnamese forces also illegally crossed over the border into Thai territory to lay mines; 179 of these were subsequently defused by the Thai forces.

2. During August 1988, the Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea fired 389 rounds of artillery shells into Thai territory along the Thai-Kampuchea border, from Ubon-Rachathani to Trad provinces. As a consequence, at least one civilian was reported killed and nine others sustained serious injuries. Some 30 pieces of civilian property were badly damaged by the shelling incidents.

The Royal Thai Government demands that Viet Nam immediately cease further unprovoked and hostile acts against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Thailand, as well as against innocent Thai citizens along the border areas. The Vietnamese Government must also bear the full responsibility for these illegal and hostile acts.

I have the honour to request that the text of the present letter be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 23, 42, 72, 129 and 136, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nitya PIBULSONGGRAM
Permanent Representative
