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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 provisions of the cease-fire:

1. At 1540 hours on 7 October 1988, three enemy units were observed south of the Kani Dezwan region, excavating new positions 1 kilometre from the forward perimeter of our units.
2. At 1510 hours on the same day, four enemy units were observed planting mines on Mount Talesh, 2 kilometres from the forward perimeter of the units of our I Army Corps.
3. The enemy is continuing to flood the area opposite the units of our III Army Corps. Water levels in this area are now 5 centimetres at barrier 1, 15 centimetres at barrier 2, 15 centimetres at barrier 3, 6 centimetres at barrier 4, 18 centimetres at barrier 5, 15 centimetres at barrier 6, 14 centimetres at barrier 8, 40 centimetres in front of the observation post and 19 centimetres at the Ghazil spit. Moreover, the enemy made a 4-metre breach in the vertical dike.
4. The enemy erected a new metal tower 12 metres high on the Iranian dike, opposite the units of our III Army Corps.
5. At 0950 hours on 6 October 1988, seven enemy units were observed on Mount Sakanian, constructing shelters 1,700 metres from the forward perimeter of the units of our V Army Corps.
6. At 1600 hours on the same day, an enemy excavator was observed digging out seven tank positions 2,100 metres from the perimeter of the units of our V Army Corps.
7. From 0715 hours to 1400 hours on 6 October 1988, we observed five operations of enemy army engineers, consisting of improving the roads and raising the embankments opposite the units of our VII Army Corps.

8. At 0730 hours on 5 October 1988, an enemy tank was observed advancing towards the south of the Araidh opposite our II Army Corps units.
9. Between 0645 hours and 1430 hours on the same day, enemy forces were observed improving and building up the embankments in the area of the Dawaser Islands.
10. At 0830 hours on 7 October 1988, 13 enemy personnel dressed in Kurdish costumes were observed coming from inside Iran in the direction of the Zab. They threw a grenade into the river, 1 kilometre from the forward perimeter of our I Army Corps units.
11. At 1705 hours on the same day, an excavator was seen improving the road leading to the village of Homer, 1 kilometre from the advanced perimeter of our I Army Corps units.
12. At 1820 hours on 7 October 1988, two excavators entered no man's land to build up the lower embankment situated opposite our III Army Corps units.
13. The enemy is continuing to flood the area opposite our III Army Corps units. To date, the water levels are as follows: the Ta'awun barrier: 18 centimetres; barrier No. 1: 16 centimetres; barrier No. 2: 27 centimetres; barrier No. 3: 30 centimetres; barrier No. 4: 14 centimetres; the Ghazil spit: 16 centimetres; opposite Idhathiyat, at geographic co-ordinates 5838 and 6038, respectively: 50 and 60 centimetres.
14. Between 0625 hours and 1530 hours on 7 October 1988, we observed enemy army engineers improving the road parallel to the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab.
15. Between 0750 hours and 1430 hours on the same day, army engineers were observed in three operations, endeavouring to improve and raise the embankments situated in the area of the Dawaser Islands.
16. Between 0520 hours and 1400 hours on the same day, our forces observed four enemy army engineers' units engaged in consolidating the embankments and the roads opposite our VII Army Corps units.

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

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