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SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward a detailed account of the incidents on the
Irano-Iraqi border area referred to in my letter of 6 March 1974 (S/11230):

1. On 22 February 1974 at 1015 hours local time Iraqi armed elements stationed in Hani Baz post inside Iraq opened fire on the Iranian border post at Amineh which lasted until 1630 hours on the same day.
2. On 23 February at 1730 hours local time the Iraqi armed elements stationed in Iraqi post Mohamad Khezr intermittently fired on the Iranian border post at Amineh. This incident lasted until 1830 hours local time same date.
3. On 28 February at 1525 hours local time Iraqi border guards stationed in Ghashgah post fired six rounds of machine-gun fire on Iranian border guards.
4. From 0210 on 2 March 1974 until 1430 local time on the same day Iraqi armed forces stationed in Mohamad Khezr opened fire with machine-guns on the Iranian frontier guards at the Amineh border post.
5. The Iraqi armed elements resumed their shelling with mortar fire on the same day (2 March) from 0625 to 0650 hours local time. Eight rounds of mortar were fired upon the Iranian border posts of Tappeh-kal and Amineh from the Iraqi post at Mohamad Khezr.
6. At 0300 local time on 4 March 1974 Iraqi frontier guards stationed at Ghaleh-Yahoudi border post shelled the Iranian border post at Zaynalkosh with machine-guns, mortar and artillery.
7. From 0445 until 0530 hours local time on the same day (4 March) Iraqi armed elements resumed their shelling of the Iranian post at Tangab Khohneh from their post at Ghaleh Yahoudi. The shelling was extended to the Khan Leili route and included the banks and the bridge of the river Tangab Khohneh. At 0635 hours local time on the same day the Iraqi forces shelled the same area of Iranian territory with heavy artillery.
8. On the same day (4 March) at 1140 hours local time Iraqi armed elements stationed in Manzarieh, using long-range artillery, shelled Iranian positions.

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The Iranian border posts of Tangab Khohneh, Amineh, and Tap-peh-kal were kept under fire by heavy and light weaponry until 1400 hours. The Iraqi forces resumed fire with increased intensity at 1425 hours. As a result of this firing, which lasted until 1930 local hours, one Iranian soldier was killed and three were wounded.

9. On 5 March, beginning at 0530 hours local time, the Iraqi armed elements resumed the shelling of the Iranian border post of Zaynalkosh and the vicinity of Tangab Khohneh with heavy and light weaponry for several hours. Firing by Iraqi forces reached its peak between 1130 and 1400 hours local time. During this period an average of 30 artillery shells per 10 minutes exploded around the Iranian border post of Zaynalkosh, as a result of which two Iranian soldiers were seriously wounded.

I would request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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