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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 cease-fire provisions:

1. The enemy is continuing the flooding operation in the III Army Corps sector opposite the defensive embankments of our military units.
2. At 1045 hours on 1 November 1988, 10 enemy firing positions equipped with SPG-9 cannon were observed. The enemy constructed the positions during the night of 31 October-1 November on hill No. 537, at a distance of 3 kilometres from the forward perimeter of our units in the I Special Army Corps sector.
3. At 1245 hours on 1 November 1988, four enemy personnel were observed constructing a guard post with a gun embrasure at a distance of 1,400 metres from the forward perimeter of our units.
4. At 0100 hours on the night of 31 October 1988, a group of approximately 20 individuals stole into our territory in the direction of the force positioned 10 kilometres south of the Iraq-Turkey frontier triangle. They used a 60-millimetre mortar cannon, at a range of 1 kilometre, during their attack.
5. At 0700 hours on 30 October 1988, the enemy erected two large tents at a distance of 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our units, in no man's land adjacent to the II Army Corps sector. The number of enemy personnel was estimated at 40.
6. The enemy constructed a guard post made of blocks, measuring 1.5 metres by 1.5 metres, south of the Bailey bridge in the IV Army Corps sector.
7. Three enemy personnel were observed on the Khadar Sharifan mountain range constructing a guard post to accommodate two soldiers, together with an unroofed shelter made of oil drums at a distance of 1,350 metres from the forward perimeter of our units in the V Army Corps sector.

8. Between 0640 hours and 1530 hours on 1 November 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed improving and strengthening the road at Tawijat, Zawfalah, Zafilah and south of the Arayid River and Hajj Salbukh Island. The unit also restored the destroyed section of the dike north of the southern estuary of the Abadan River.
9. Between 0720 hours and 1430 hours on 1 November 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed improving the road south of the Abadan refineries, at Dawasir Island and in the area of Kasbah.
10. At 0815 hours on 2 November 1988, six dump trucks and one excavator were observed levelling the road at a distance of 6 kilometres from the forward perimeter of our units in the IV Army Corps sector.
11. Between 0935 hours and 1530 hours on 2 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed carrying out improvements south of the Arayid River and upgrading the roads at Tawijat, Zawfalah and Hajj Salbukh Island.
12. At 1530 hours and 1540 hours on 3 November 1988, the enemy constructed two sandbagged observation posts, measuring 1 metre high by 1 metre wide, in the area of the Bailey bridge.
13. The enemy constructed an unroofed sandbagged position to a height of 1 metre opposite Kat'ah Island. The position was occupied by enemy personnel opposite our units in the VII Army Corps sector.
14. Between 0600 hours and 1350 hours on 3 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving the road south of the Abadan refineries and on the other side of Ma'yawiyah Island in the VII Army Corps sector.
15. At 1100 hours on 3 November 1988, the enemy constructed a circular sandbagged position, measuring 1 metre high by 2-3 metres wide, south of the Abadan refineries.
16. At 1500 hours on 3 November 1988, an unroofed sandbagged position was constructed to a height of 1 metre opposite Kat'ah Island and occupied by enemy personnel.
17. Between 0650 hours and 1400 hours on 3 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed raising the embankments west of Kasbat al-Nassar, the Bailey bridge area and the Ras Abadan area, and improving the roads south of Kasbat al-Nassar in the Bailey bridge area and north of the pipeline overpass.
18. The enemy constructed a sandbagged position on the Qawsiyyah dike in the Kasbah area.
19. At 1100 hours on 4 November 1988, 10 enemy personnel were observed constructing a new shelter at a distance of 2 kilometres from the forward perimeter of our units in the I Army Corps sector. Four 180-pound tents had been erected on the same site.

20. Between 0655 hours and 1450 hours on 4 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed levelling and improving the roads in the area of Tawijat, Zafilah and Zawfalah and at Hajj Salbukh Island, as well as raising the embankment south of the Karun River.

21. At 1105 hours on 4 November 1988, the enemy constructed three sandbagged firing positions, measuring 1 metre high by 1 metre wide, with each position at a distance of 100 metres from the other, on the southern levee of the northern estuary of the Abadan River.

22. At 1120 hours on 4 November 1988, the enemy constructed a circular sandbagged firing position to a height of 1 metre opposite Kat'ah Island in the VII Army Corps sector.

23. At 0800 hours on 4 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed strengthening and improving the embankment north of Khosrowabad in the VII Army Corps sector.

24. Between 0650 hours and 1530 hours on 4 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed strengthening the roads in the area of the pipeline overpass and the Bailey bridge, opposite the city of Al-Faw, and improving the embankments in the Ras Abadan and Kasbah areas.

25. At 0920 hours on 5 November 1988, a khaki-coloured Agusta-Bell enemy helicopter was observed approaching from the Iranian rear. It landed at Muhammarah, at a distance of 500 metres from the forward edge of the east bank of the Shatt al-Arab.

26. At 1130 hours on 5 November 1988, the enemy was observed constructing two combat positions. Four individuals were working at each position, at a distance of 200-300 metres from the forward perimeter of our units in the II Army Corps sector.

27. At 0930 hours on 5 November 1988, observers saw an engineering unit consisting of eight dump trucks, two excavators, one bulldozer, one roller and a tanker truck opposite our units in the IV Army Corps sector.

28. At 0740 hours on 6 November 1988, the enemy installed an SPG-9 cannon on the enemy embankment opposite our units in the VII Army Corps sector, at a circular position constructed of sandbags.

29. Between 0645 hours and 1310 hours on 6 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed strengthening and improving the road at Hajj Salbukh Island in the VII Army Corps sector.

30. At 1150 hours and at 1240 hours on 6 November 1988, the enemy constructed two roofed firing positions from sandbags and blocks, to a height of 1 metre, the first south of the Arayid River and the other south of Zawfalah.

31. At 0920 hours on 6 November 1988, a khaki-coloured Agusta-Bell enemy helicopter was observed approaching from the Iranian rear. It landed north of Muhammarah opposite Umm al-Rasas Island.

32. Between 0720 hours and 1330 hours on 6 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving the roads north and south of Khosrowabad in the VII Army Corps sector.
33. Between 0630 hours and 1435 hours on 6 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed strengthening the roads in the area of the pipeline overpass and the Bailey bridge and west of the township of Mu'ammara, as well as improving the embankments west of Kasbat al-Nassar and improving the embankment at Ras Abadan.
34. At 1545 hours on 7 November 1988, six enemy personnel were observed on the Khadar Sharifan mountain range constructing a guard post for two soldiers, at a distance of 1,340 metres from our forward units in the Special Army Corps sector, inside the forward perimeter of the enemy positions.
35. Between 0610 hours and 1440 hours on 6 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed rolling and levelling the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab in the area of Tawijat and Hajj Salbukh Island.
36. Between 0600 hours and 1400 hours on 6 November 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed constructing a new earth embankment north of the pipeline overpass, measuring 50 metres long by 1 metre high, in the VII Army Corps sector.
37. Between 0840 hours and 1450 hours on 7 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving and strengthening the roads on Hajj Salbukh Island.
38. At 1010 hours on 7 November 1988, the enemy constructed a sandbagged position south of the Arayid River in the VII Army Corps sector.
39. Between 0650 hours and 1400 hours on 7 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed upgrading a 500-metre arterial road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab, opposite the city of Al-Faw, and raising and improving the road west of Kasbat al-Nassar.
40. At 0920 hours on 7 November 1988, the enemy constructed a firing position at a distance of 150 metres from our forward units in the II Army Corps sector.
41. Between 0710 hours and 1500 hours on 8 November 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed improving the embankment in the Abadan area and strengthening the roads at Zawfalah and Hajj Salbukh Island.
42. At 0810 hours on 8 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving the Khosrowabad road. The construction of an enemy observation post was also noted.
43. Between 0700 hours and 1430 hours on 8 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed raising and improving the road at Kasbat al-Nassar and opposite the city of Al-Faw.
44. At 0900 hours on 9 November 1988, the enemy constructed a tower with a cabin, to a height of 25-30 metres, opposite the III Army Corps sector.

45. At 0920 hours on 9 November 1988, a Poclain excavator was observed digging out the breach in the opposite embankment at a distance of approximately 30 metres from our forward units in the III Army Corps sector, together with a group of approximately 20 enemy personnel.
46. Between 0610 hours and 1400 hours on 9 November 1988, four engineering units were observed strengthening the embankments and improving roads south of the Abadan River and Hajj Salbukh Island, and south of the Arayid River.
47. Between 0630 hours and 1410 hours on 9 November 1988, three engineering units were observed improving the roads south of the Abadan refineries and to the north and south of Khosrowabad.
48. Eight enemy personnel were observed constructing a sandbagged firing position, measuring 1.5 metres long by 1.5 metres wide, at Kasbat al-Nassar.
49. Between 0600 hours and 1430 hours on 9 November 1988, three engineering units were observed strengthening and levelling the roads near the township of Mu'ammār and Kasbat al-Nassar.
50. Between 0610 hours and 1400 hours on 10 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed raising the embankments and improving the roads on Hajj Salbukh Island.
51. At 1650 hours on 10 November 1988, the enemy installed a 1-metre-wide pontoon bridge between the two levees of the Abadan River.
52. Between 0615 hours and 1420 hours on 10 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving the roads south-west of the Abadan refineries.
53. Between 0600 hours and 1415 hours on 10 November 1988, three engineering units were observed levelling and grading the roads at Kasbat al-Nassar, near the township of Mu'ammār and south of the pipeline overpass.
54. At 0800 hours on 10 November 1988, the construction was observed of a new sandbagged enemy firing position north of the Bailey bridge in the VII Army Corps sector.

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

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