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LETTER DATED 8 DECEMBER 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 the Iranian armed forces have committed the following violations of the cease-fire provisions:

1. The enemy persisted with its flooding operation in the III Army Corps sector opposite the defensive positions of our military units.
2. Between 0730 hours and 1430 hours on 20 November 1988, two engineering units were observed improving the embankments to the north and south of the southern Abadan river.
3. Between 0800 hours and 1335 hours on 20 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed strengthening the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab in the Ali al-Zahir area and improving the enemy embankment to the south of the Abadan refineries.
4. Between 0730 hours and 0930 hours on 20 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving the enemy embankment to the south of the pipeline overpass.
5. At 1010 hours on 20 November 1988, the enemy proceeded to construct a sandbagged observation post on the old barrage opposite the city of Al-Faw.
6. Between 0700 hours and 1415 hours on 21 November 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed building a new road 10 metres in width close to the enemy tower opposite our VII Army Corps units.
7. Between 1430 hours and 1800 hours on 21 November 1988, the enemy constructed two observation posts of sandbags and corrugated iron to the south of the southern mouth of the Abadan river.
8. Between 0700 hours and 1310 hours on 21 November 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed mending the road opposite the city of Al-Faw.

9. At 1600 hours on 22 November 1988, the enemy proceeded to fire an RPG-7 rocket and five light-weapon rounds at an Iraqi excavator among our III Army Corps units.
10. Between 0815 hours and 1315 hours on 22 November 1988, two engineering units were observed improving the roads at Hajj Salbukh island and constructing a sandbagged observation post 1 metre in height to the north of the northern mouth of the Abadan river. The enemy also constructed two troop positions.
11. At 1000 hours on 22 November 1988, the enemy proceeded to construct an unroofed, sandbagged firing position, 1 metre long and 1.5 metres wide, opposite the ferry pier in the VII Army Corps sector.
12. At 1200 hours on 22 November 1988, the enemy proceeded to construct a new observation post between 2 and 3 kilometres from the forward perimeter of our I Army Corps units.
13. Between 0800 hours and 1350 hours on 22 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving and strengthening the roads at Hajj Salbukh island.
14. At 1120 hours on 23 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed strengthening the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab to the west of the village of Al-Zahir in the VII Army Corps sector.
15. At 1640 hours on 23 November 1988, the enemy proceeded to construct three sandbagged positions to the north of the Bailey bridge in the VII Army Corps sector.
16. At 0900 hours on 24 November 1988, three enemy personnel were observed completing the installation of a cabin on the enemy tower at Hajj Salbukh island in the VII Army Corps sector.
17. Between 0800 hours and 1450 hours on 24 November 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed operating on the road opposite the city of Al-Faw.
18. At 1050 hours on 25 November 1988, the enemy proceeded to improve an observation post and to roof it with corrugated iron in the Abadan area.
19. At 1500 hours on 25 November 1988, a group of enemy personnel estimated at 15 persons was observed constructing a new shelter and improving other, older shelters at a distance of 1.5 kilometres from the forward perimeter of our I Army Corps units.
20. Between 0930 hours and 1330 hours on 25 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed strengthening the roads at Hajj Salbukh island and to the south of the southern mouth of the Abadan river.
21. Between 0830 hours and 1310 hours on 25 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving the road at Al-Dawasir island and to the west of the village of Ali Al-Zahir opposite our VII Army Corps units.
22. An engineering unit was observed making an embankment and building a road opposite our VII Army Corps units.

23. At 1030 hours on 26 November 1988, an enemy helicopter was observed over the forward perimeter of the enemy units and at a distance of 2.5 kilometres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
24. At 1230 hours on 26 November 1988, the enemy was observed constructing two slip trenches at the forward edge of its positions and at a distance of 150 metres from the forward perimeter of our positions in the II Army Corps sector.
25. Between 0830 hours and 1350 hours on 26 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving the road to the west of the village of Ali Al-Zahir in the VII Army Corps sector, and the enemy was observed constructing an observation post opposite our VII Army Corps units.
26. At 1330 hours on 26 November 1988, the enemy was observed establishing a minefield 100 metres in depth, opposite the forward perimeter of its positions and at a distance of 350 metres from the forward perimeter of our positions in the I Special Army Corps sector.
27. At 1030 hours on 27 November 1988, the enemy manned two observation posts in front of its embankment and opposite our III Army Corps units, the first with a force of 6 persons and the second with a force of 4 persons.
28. Between 0840 hours and 1450 hours on 27 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving and strengthening the old barrage opposite the city of Al-Faw.
29. At 1650 hours on 27 November 1988, the enemy proceeded to construct two sandbagged observation posts to the south of the southern mouth of the Abadan river.
30. Between 0830 hours and 1330 hours on 28 November 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed improving the road to the south of the Arayid river and north of the northern mouth of the Abadan.
31. At 1235 hours on 28 November 1988, the enemy proceeded to construct a sandbagged position at Al-Dawasir island.
32. At 1815 hours on 28 November 1988, the enemy proceeded to construct a sandbagged position opposite the city of Al-Faw.
33. At 1100 hours on 28 November 1988, a truck equipped with a hoist and loaded with two concrete shelters was observed. It unloaded them in an area 1 kilometre from the forward perimeter of our VI Army Corps units.
34. At 1205 hours on 28 November 1988, the enemy proceeded to close the channel to the west of the village of Ali Al-Zahir.
35. Between 0730 hours and 1310 hours on 28 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed strengthening a road opposite the city of Al-Faw.

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36. Between 0825 hours and 1425 hours on 28 November 1988, an engineering unit was observed transporting earth from the village of Khaz'alabad in order to improve the roads running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab at Ma'yawiyah island in the VII Army Corps sector.

I request you to be so kind as to have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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