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LETTER DATED 7 DECEMBER 1965 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PAKISTAN
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to inform you that the Indian Armed Forces have been carrying out unprovoked and deliberate firing on the Indo-East Pakistan border creating a tense situation. The Government of Pakistan in a protest note given to the High Commission of India in Pakistan have urged the Government of India to take concrete steps to ensure that the Indian Armed Forces desist from this hostile firing. A copy of the protest note is enclosed.

I shall be grateful if this letter with its enclosure is circulated as a Security Council document.

Please accept, etc.

(Signed) Syed Anjad ALI
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Pakistan
to the United Nations

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ISLAMABAD

Dated 2 December 1965

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the High Commission of India in Pakistan and has the honour to bring to the notice of the High Commission the following instances of unprovoked and deliberate firing by Indian Armed Forces on Indo-East Pakistan border in order to maintain tension and to start serious incidents:

(1) On 24 November 1965, at 13.30 hours, Indian Armed Forces opened fire on Pakistan nationals who went to reap paddy in their own fields within Pakistan territory near Kasba border Comilla. Pakistan nationals dispersed. Then Indian nationals backed by Indian Armed Forces trespassed into Pakistan territory for reaping paddy from the said point. At this point Pakistan forces opened fire in self-defence on Indians who retreated with military personnel into Indian territory. Since then Indian forces are continuing firing without any provocation.

(2) Indian border forces opened fire on Pakistan border outposts at Kashipur, Mashila and Hijli in Jessore district on 4 November 1965. Indian forces again opened fire on 6 November 1965 early in the morning in the same area and continued firing intermittently from 7 November to 11 November 1965 with light machine-guns and other automatic weapons.

(3) On 9 November 1965, early in the morning Indian forces opened fire from Boyra border, P.S. Bagda, district 24-Parganas without any provocation.

(4) On 5 November 1965, at 09.00 hours, Indian forces of Betai border outpost, P.S. Karimganj, district Nadia, which is opposite to Pakistan Ichakhali border of Kushtia district opened fire on three Pakistani nationals who went to cultivate their fields within Pakistan territory at a distance of 100 yards from the Indo-Pakistan border. Again on 7 November at 11.30 hours Indian armed forces opened fire in the same area at Pakistani nationals while they were engaged in harvesting crops within Pakistan territory.

(5) On 6 November 1965, Indian Armed Forces opened fire at Jessore border and continued firing intermittently throughout the day.

(6) On 4 and 5 November 1965, at 14.45 and 02.00 hours respectively, Indian forces opened unprovoked firing with light machine-guns in the direction of

Gadadharpur village under Mashula B.O.P. at Maheshpur P.S. Jessore and Kashimpur B.O.P. under Sarsa P.S., Jessore district.

(7) On 18 October 1965, at 20.30 hours, Indian troops opened unprovoked firing with small arms including automatic weapons in Belonia square 6167 and 6267 map sheet 79 M. Indian forces continued firing throughout the night between 18 and 19 October 1965.

(8) On 23 October 1965, at 02.45 hours, Indian troops started unprovoked firing from Belonia in Tripura State with automatic weapons at Pakistan outpost at Nijkalikapur in Noakhali district. Indian forces fired about 5,000 rounds.

The Government of Pakistan most strongly protest against the continuance of provocative and wanton firing by Indian Armed Forces over a wide area on Indo-East Pakistan border. The Government of Pakistan cannot but take a serious view of the continued aggressive activities of the Indian forces on the eastern border, which is likely to lead to tension for which the Government of India alone will be responsible. The Government of Pakistan would urge the Government of India in all seriousness to take concrete steps to ensure that Indian Armed Forces desist from hostile and provocative firing in the Indo-East Pakistan border, which aggravates the situation.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the High Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

The High Commission of India in Pakistan,
Islamabad.

