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ORIGINAL: ARABICLETTER DATED 12 JANUARY 1989 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 is continuing its flooding operation in the III Army Corps sector opposite the defensive positions of our military units.
2. At 1930 hours on 21 December 1988, an enemy soldier opened fire with his personal weapon, shooting one round in the direction of our III Army Corps units.
3. At 0900 hours on 21 December 1988, an enemy soldier fired four rounds from his personal weapon in the direction of our III Army Corps positions.
4. At 0930 hours on 22 December 1988, an enemy engineering unit consisting of six dump-trucks and two excavators was observed improving the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab at Dawasir island, and enemy personnel were observed erecting a tower.
5. At 1110 hours on 23 December 1988, an engineering unit was observed repairing the road running parallel to the bank of the Shatt al-Arab in the Zawqalah area.
6. At 1200 hours on 23 December 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab at Dawasir island.
7. At 1035 hours on 23 December 1988, the enemy proceeded to erect a metal tower 15 metres in height at a distance of 1 kilometre from the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab.
8. At 2130 hours on 23 December 1988, the Iranian enemy proceeded to fire five 120-millimetre shells from a position opposite the Burdat Sabi slope in the direction of our IV Army Corps units; they fell 5 kilometres inside our territory.
9. At 1200 hours on 23 December 1988, a large hoist was observed unloading five concrete shelters behind the enemy embankment to the south of the Karun river.

10. The enemy installed a single-phase machine-gun position opposite our VII Army Corps units.
11. At 1000 hours on 23 December 1988, an engineering unit was observed repairing an old road to the north of the pipeline overpass.
12. At 0940 hours on 24 December 1988, a hoist was observed unloading three concrete shelters to the south of the Karun river, raising the total number of shelters in the area to eight.
13. At 1155 hours on 24 December 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed improving the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab to the west of the village of Ali al-Zahir and strengthening the old embankment in the Khosrowabad area.
14. On the morning of 25 December 1988, an enemy engineering unit consisting of a double backhoe, a bulldozer and a crane was observed moving and stacking pipes at a distance of 900 metres from our forward units.
15. At 1100 hours on 25 December 1988, enemy personnel were observed erecting barbed wire at a distance of 1 kilometre from the forward perimeter of our units.
16. At 1930 hours on 25 December 1988, the enemy proceeded to fire three 120-millimetre shells from a position opposite the Burdat Sabi slope; they fell at a distance of 1 kilometre inside our territory.
17. At 0925 hours on 25 December 1988, a hoist was observed unloading six concrete shelters to the south of the Karun river, for a total of 14 shelters in all.
18. The enemy proceeded to erect a metal tower equipped with a cabin and to build a concrete position opposite our VII Army Corps units.
19. Between 0900 hours and 1145 hours on 25 December 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab, as well as the old embankment to the west of Ali al-Zahir, and moving earth from the area of Khaz'alabad.
20. At 0830 hours on 26 December 1988, the enemy proceeded to install a cabin on the tower opposite our VII Army Corps positions.
21. At 1245 hours on 26 December 1988, a Faun truck equipped with a hoist was observed unloading 10 concrete shelter sections opposite the city of Al-Faw.
22. At 1000 hours on 27 December 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed improving the embankment to the south of the Karun river.
23. At 1105 hours on 27 December 1988, an enemy hoist was observed unloading four concrete shelters to the south of the Karun river.

24. At 1015 hours on 27 December 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed improving the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab to the south of the Abadan refineries.
25. At 1100 hours on 28 December 1988, a hoist was observed to the south of the Karun river unloading six concrete arches.
26. At 1500 hours on 28 December 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab to the west of the village of Ali al-Zahir.
27. At 0600 hours on 28 December 1988, a Faun truck was observed carrying four concrete arches which were unloaded opposite the city of Al-Faw.
28. At 1600 hours on 28 December 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed improving the earthen embankment close to the pipeline overpass and carrying earth to the old earthen barrage opposite the city of Al-Faw.
29. At 1015 hours on 29 December 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed repairing the road at Hajj Salbukh island.
30. At 1415 hours and at 1430 hours on 29 December 1988, an enemy engineering unit was observed improving the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab to the west of the village of Ali al-Zahir, and another enemy engineering unit, consisting of two dump-trucks, a bulldozer and a tractor, was observed building a road opposite our VII Army Corps units.
31. Between 1640 hours and 2130 hours on 29 December 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving the old embankment in the area of the pipeline overpass and repairing the old barrage road behind the earthen barrage opposite the city of Al-Faw.
32. Between 0840 hours and 0930 hours on 30 December 1988, three enemy engineering units were observed improving the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab at Ma'yawiyah island, to the south of the island and in the Khosrowabad area.
33. At 1600 hours on 30 December 1988, the enemy was observed unloading two concrete personnel shelters to the north of the pipeline overpass.
34. At 1145 hours on 31 December 1988, an engineering unit was observed improving the road running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab in the Khosrowabad area.
35. At 1630 hours on 31 December 1988, two enemy personnel were observed building a new position opposite our IV Army Corps positions.

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

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