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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 Iranian side is continuing its flooding operation in the III Army Corps sector opposite the defensive positions of our military units. Water levels as of 1600 hours on 21 February 1989 were as follows: from opposite observation post No. 3 (at co-ordinates 913998) to opposite observation post No. 22 (at co-ordinates 913873), between 65 and 170 centimetres; from opposite defensive position No. 3 (at co-ordinates 915865) to opposite defensive position No. 1 (at co-ordinates 940812), between 6 and 117 centimetres; from opposite co-ordinates 907290 to opposite co-ordinates 910115, between 8 and 50 centimetres; from opposite co-ordinates 909287 to opposite co-ordinates 912054, between 10 and 90 centimetres.
2. The Iranian side constructed an enemy guard post at co-ordinates 936824, at a distance of 100 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
3. Between 0600 hours and 1510 hours on 2 February 1989, an engineering unit was observed strengthening the roads at co-ordinates 608175 and 550212, at a distance of 600 to 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
4. At 0900 hours on 3 February 1989, an enemy engineering unit consisting of one excavator was observed raising the earth embankment at co-ordinates 924848, at a distance of 100 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
5. At 0845 hours on 4 February 1989, Iranian forces directed five rounds of light-arms fire towards our III Army Corps units at co-ordinates 953811, and at 0900 hours on the same day they fired 10 more rounds towards our units at the same co-ordinates.
6. At 1100 hours on 4 February 1989, an enemy engineering unit consisting of an excavator and two dump trucks was observed constructing an earth embankment at co-ordinates 946791, at a distance of 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.

7. At 0845 hours on 4 February 1989, Iranian forces directed five rounds of light-arms fire from co-ordinates 941807 towards our III Army Corps units.
8. At 1220 hours on 5 February 1989, two members of the Iranian forces were observed constructing an observation post at co-ordinates 466484, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
9. At 1100 hours on 5 February 1989, Iranian forces installed a two-phase machine-gun at co-ordinates 704136, at a distance of 1,000 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
10. Between 0600 hours and 1450 hours on 5 February 1989, an enemy engineering unit was observed digging a ditch, 100 metres in length, from co-ordinates 596178 to co-ordinates 595178, at a distance of 850 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
11. At 1510 hours on 6 February 1989, an observation post was seen to have been constructed from blocks at co-ordinates 308600, at a distance of 1,000 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
12. At 1130 hours on 6 February 1989, a personnel shelter was observed to have been constructed from sandbags at co-ordinates 544272, at a distance of 850 to 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
13. An engineering unit consisting of six dump trucks, an excavator and a grader was observed constructing a road at co-ordinates 4748, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
14. Iranian forces dug a single battle trench in the opposing embankment at co-ordinates 927843, at a distance of 100 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
15. Between 0600 hours and 1450 hours on 7 February 1989, an engineering unit consisting of four excavators, seven bulldozers, three rollers, three graders and 39 dump trucks was observed strengthening, levelling and improving the roads on the far bank of the Shatt al-Arab at co-ordinates 299658, 306618, 474478, 485463, 532308, 609176 and 548224, at a distance of 750 to 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
16. At 0800 hours on 8 February 1989, Iranian forces directed 15 rounds of light-arms fire from co-ordinates 942802 towards our III Army Corps units.
17. A new sandbagged enemy position was observed at co-ordinates 308607, at a distance of 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
18. An enemy excavator was observed digging a trench behind the earth barrage at co-ordinates 669155, at a distance of 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

19. Iranian forces installed two single-phase anti-aircraft machine-guns, one at co-ordinates 926965 and the other at co-ordinates 928972, at a distance of 1 kilometre from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
20. Between 0625 hours and 1445 hours on 9 February 1989, an enemy engineering unit consisting of five excavators, four bulldozers, four rollers, three graders and 37 dump trucks was observed strengthening and improving the roads at co-ordinates 299653, 486465, 514322, 513383, 548220 and 606175, at a distance of 750 to 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
21. Between 0620 hours and 1500 hours on 10 February 1989, an enemy engineering unit consisting of two excavators, three bulldozers, a roller, a grader, a crane, a hoist and three dump trucks was observed strengthening and improving the roads at co-ordinates 283655, 523332, 486464, 432532, 609176, 606174 and 548220, at a distance of 800 to 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
22. Between 0600 hours and 1030 hours on 11 February 1989, an engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a roller, a grader and seven dump trucks was observed strengthening and improving a road in the Zafilah area at co-ordinates 299650, at a distance of 750 to 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units. At the same time, two rollers, a grader, two excavators and 13 dump trucks were observed transporting earth from the rear to co-ordinates 650166, strengthening the roads south of the Bailey bridge, opposite the ferry pier at co-ordinates 609176 and 606175, and raising the earth embankment at the end of the pipeline overpass at co-ordinates 665155 and 666154, at a distance of 700 to 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
23. At 1210 hours on 12 February 1989, the Iranian forces directed two rounds of light-arms fire towards our units at co-ordinates 339573, at a distance of 350 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
24. Between 0730 hours and 0955 hours on 13 February 1989, an engineering unit made up of an excavator, a roller, a backhoe and five dump trucks was observed strengthening the roads at co-ordinates 548213 and engaged in improving an earth embankment 500 metres long and one half metre high at the end of the pipeline overpass at co-ordinates 666154 and between 500 and 950 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corp units.
25. Iranian forces fired two rifle shots while engaged in strengthening their forward positions at co-ordinates 335580, 950 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corp units.
26. Between 0610 hours and 0900 hours on 13 February 1989, an engineering unit made up of an excavator, a bulldozer, a roller and 10 dump trucks was observed bringing earth from the rear and strengthening the roads at co-ordinates 552211, 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corp units.
27. At 2020 hours on 14 February 1989, the Iranian side brought into operation its Arabic language field broadcasting system. Five minutes later, the transmission

was transformed into an attack on the person of the President of the Republic and on the Party. The transmission ceased at 2030 hours. The enemy field broadcasting unit is located 100 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.

28. At 0845 hours on 14 February 1989, the Iranian side constructed a sandbagged observation post close to the concrete positions at co-ordinates 462492 (Dawasir island) and between 650 and 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

29. At 1100 hours on 15 February 1989, the Iranian side constructed a sandbagged personnel position, 1.5 metres in height, to the north of the Arayid river at co-ordinates 243717 and 600 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

30. At 1010 hours on 15 February 1989, the Iranian side proceeded to construct a position made of wooden crates opposite the ferry pier at co-ordinates 547224 and 650 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

31. At 0800 hours on 16 February 1989, Iranian forces fired one 81-mm mortar shell in the direction of our units, and it landed at co-ordinates 897227. At 1245 hours, the same violation was repeated at the same location. At 1430 hours, Iranian forces fired four 81-mm mortar shells in the direction of our units, and they landed at co-ordinates 897294, 897298, and 883298. At 1445 hours they fired one 120-mm mortar shell in the same area.

32. At 1540 hours on 16 February 1989, Iranian forces fired nine 120-mm mortar shells in the direction of our III Army Corps units. They landed at co-ordinates 903031400. At 1640 hours, Iranian forces fired five 81-mm mortar shells, which landed at co-ordinates 8950031600 in the III Army Corps sector.

33. At 1800 hours on 16 February 1989, Iranian forces fired five 81-mm mortar shells, which landed at co-ordinates 8950032650. At 1915 hours, they fired two 81-mm mortar shells in the direction of our III Army Corps units. They landed at co-ordinates 8910031500. At 1710 hours, they fired two 120-mm mortar shells, which landed between monitoring posts 19 and 20, at co-ordinates 909199. Between 1950 hours and 2130 hours, they fired three 81-mm mortar shells and five 120-mm mortar shells at our forward positions, at co-ordinates 906215, 905222 and 934295, in the III Army Corps sector.

34. At 1820 hours on 16 February 1989, Iranian forces fired two 120-mm mortar shells, which landed at co-ordinates 912223 in the III Army Corps sector.

35. At 1200 hours on 16 February 1989, the Iranian side proceeded to construct a stone-built unroofed firing position opposite point 25 at co-ordinates 947146, 1 kilometre from the forward perimeter of our II Army Corps units.

36. At 1300 hours on 17 February 1989, Iranian forces proceeded to construct an uncovered, sandbagged position 75 centimetres high to the south of the Arayid river, at co-ordinates 248717, between 700 and 750 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

37. At 0810 hours on 17 February 1989, an engineering unit made up of two excavators, a bulldozer and seven dump trucks was observed improving the road in the Zawqalah area, at co-ordinates 301647, between 950 and 1,000 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
38. At 1100 hours on 18 February 1989, the Iranian side proceeded to move its control post on the road leading to the Sarli and Wadi Sarkhush area 100 metres forward of its previous position opposite point 24, at co-ordinates 928133, 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our units. It then proceeded to construct three stone-built positions at the new control post.
39. Between 0915 hours and 1120 hours on 18 February 1989, an engineering unit made up of an excavator, two bulldozers, a grader and 14 dump trucks was observed improving the roads at co-ordinates 489462 and 538297, between 850 and 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
40. At 1030 hours on 18 February 1989, two members of the Iranian forces were observed installing a new cabin on top of the enemy observation tower at co-ordinates 318588, between 1,000 and 1,100 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
41. At 1815 hours on 19 February 1989, Iranian forces fired a light machine-gun burst in the direction of our III Army Corps units.
42. At 1105 hours on 19 February 1989, the Iranian side proceeded to construct a sandbagged rest shelter roofed with corrugated iron behind the enemy embankment to the south of the Arayid river, at co-ordinates 247715, between 550 and 600 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
43. At 0935 hours on 19 February 1989, an enemy engineering unit made up of a bulldozer, a roller and nine dump trucks was observed strengthening the road to the north of Zafilah, at co-ordinates 299669, between 950 and 1,000 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
44. At 0815 hours and again at 1310 hours on 20 February 1989, an enemy engineering unit made up of four excavators, a bulldozer, a roller and 11 dump trucks was observed improving the roads at co-ordinates 300662 and 333575, between 700 and 1,000 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
45. Between 0850 hours and 0935 hours on 20 February 1989, an enemy engineering unit made up of four excavators, three bulldozers, 37 dump trucks and two Land Cruiser pickup trucks was observed improving the roads at co-ordinates 475487, 487464, 495372, 514322 and 504382, between 800 and 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

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

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