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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. Between 0730 and 0930 hours on 14 March 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of five excavators, three bulldozers, two graders and 13 dump trucks was observed raising the earth embankment and improving the roads at co-ordinates 304661, 242718, 344583 and 299659, at a distance of between 700 and 1,000 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
2. Between 1045 and 1110 hours on 14 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer and 10 dump trucks was observed strengthening a road at co-ordinates 536296, at a distance of 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
3. Between 0830 and 1100 hours on 14 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of three bulldozers, a roller and five dump trucks was observed mending roads at co-ordinates 548228 and 547233, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
4. On 15 March, the Iranian side proceeded to dig a slit trench between the forward Iranian embankment and a forward Iranian position at co-ordinates 945810, at a distance of 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
5. At 1000 hours on 15 March, the Iranian side installed two SPG-9 guns at co-ordinates 945807, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
6. As of 1600 hours on 15 March, water levels as a result of the flooding by the Iranian side opposite our III Army Corps units and the defensive positions of our military units were as follows: between co-ordinates 913998 and 913873, 110-200 centimetres; between defensive position No. 3, at co-ordinates 915865, and defensive position No. 1, at co-ordinates 940812, 4-160 centimetres; between co-ordinates 907790 and 910115, 5-54 centimetres; between co-ordinates 909287 and 912054, 15-120 centimetres.

7. On 15 March, an engineering unit consisting of eight dump trucks was observed building a road at co-ordinates 471481, at a distance of 850 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

8. Between 0700 and 0810 hours on 15 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of three bulldozers, two graders and 16 dump trucks was observed improving the roads at co-ordinates 352594, 238719 and 299665, at a distance of between 700 and 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

9. Between 0825 and 1045 hours on 15 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator, three bulldozers and 26 dump trucks was observed improving the roads running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab at co-ordinates 490362, 536296, 432534, 488357 and 502381, at a distance of between 700 and 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

10. Between 0635 and 0930 hours on 15 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, four rollers, an excavator and 15 dump trucks was observed moving earth and strengthening and improving the roads at co-ordinates 548227 and 547228, at a distance of between 750 and 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

11. On 16 March, the Iranian side proceeded to install two SPG-9 guns at co-ordinates 945807, at a distance of 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.

12. As of 1600 hours on 16 March, water levels as a result of flooding by the Iranian side were as follows: between co-ordinates 913998 and 913873, 108-190 centimetres; between defensive position No. 3, at co-ordinates 915865, and defensive position No. 1, at co-ordinates 940812, 20-120 centimetres; between co-ordinates 907290 and 910115, 8-54 centimetres; between co-ordinates 909287 and 912054, 13-120 centimetres.

13. At 0700 hours on 16 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a backhoe, a bulldozer, a roller, a Poclain excavator and seven dump trucks was observed raising and levelling the road between co-ordinates 548228 and 547234, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

14. Between 0745 and 1005 hours on 16 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a roller, a grader and 10 dump trucks was observed strengthening and improving the roads at co-ordinates 352595 and 236719, at a distance of 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

15. Between 0905 and 1000 hours on 16 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of three bulldozers and 24 dump trucks was observed improving the roads at co-ordinates 379472, 437296 and 4919362, at a distance of 750 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

16. At 1115 hours on 17 March, four Iranian forces personnel were observed digging a position at co-ordinates 513608, at a distance of 1 kilometre from the forward perimeter of our IV Army Corps units.

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17. At 1410 hours on 17 March, two Iranian forces personnel were observed building an observation post on the far bank of the Kanjan river at co-ordinates 164771, at a distance of 1 kilometre from the forward perimeter of our I Special Army Corps units.

18. As of 1600 hours on 17 March, water levels as a result of flooding by the Iranian side in the III Army Corps sector opposite the defensive positions of our military units were as follows: between co-ordinates 913998 and 913873, 112-190 centimetres; between co-ordinates 907290 and 910115, 5-58 centimetres; between co-ordinates 909287 and 912054, 15-120 centimetres; between defensive position No. 3, at co-ordinates 915865, and defensive position No. 1, at co-ordinates 940812, 11-165 centimetres.

19. Between 0940 and 1020 hours on 17 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator, three bulldozers, a grader and 24 dump trucks was observed strengthening the roads running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab at co-ordinates 514413, 538297 and 498371, at a distance of 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

20. Between 0710 and 0750 hours on 17 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of three excavators, a roller and 11 dump trucks was observed improving the road at co-ordinates 239718, 354595 and 237719, at a distance of 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

21. At 0635 hours on 17 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator and nine dump trucks was observed levelling the road at co-ordinates 549221, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

22. On 18 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of three dump trucks was observed building an earth road at co-ordinates 540293, at a distance of 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

23. As of 1600 hours on 18 March, water levels as a result of flooding by the Iranian side were as follows: between co-ordinates 913998 and 913873, 112-195 centimetres; between defensive position No. 3, at co-ordinates 915865, and defensive position No. 1, at co-ordinates 940812, 97-170 centimetres; between co-ordinates 907290 and 910115, 5-58 centimetres; between co-ordinates 909287 and 912054, 15-120 centimetres.

24. Between 0905 and 1130 hours on 18 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator, a bulldozer, a roller, eight dump trucks, a water truck and a pick-up truck was observed improving the roads and moving earth at co-ordinates 356595 and 300645, at a distance of between 700 and 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

25. At 1600 hours on 18 March, six Iranian forces personnel were observed building a semi-circular sandbagged position 1 metre in height at co-ordinates 300651, at a distance of 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

26. Between 0830 and 1000 hours on 18 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator, four bulldozers and 22 dump trucks was observed strengthening the roads at co-ordinates 438525, 448508, 501380 and 537296, at a distance of between 700 and 750 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

27. Between 1530 hours on 17 March and 0810 hours on 18 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator, a bulldozer, a grader and 15 dump trucks was observed strengthening and levelling the road at co-ordinates 548228 and 547228, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

28. At 0800 hours on 19 March, four Iranian forces personnel were observed building a new shelter at co-ordinates 811742, at a distance of 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our I Army Corps units.

29. At 1200 hours on 19 March, nine Iranian forces personnel were observed digging a firing position at co-ordinates 150796, at a distance of 600 metres from the forward perimeter of our I Special Army Corps units.

30. At 0340 hours on 19 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a roller, a grader and 10 dump trucks was observed improving the road at co-ordinates 369595 and carrying earth to co-ordinates 300647, at a distance of between 700 and 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

31. Between 0830 and 1000 hours on 19 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator, four bulldozers, a roller, two graders, 47 dump trucks, a water truck and a Land Cruiser pick-up truck was observed strengthening and improving the roads running parallel to the Shatt al-Arab at co-ordinates 448508, 432534, 471481, 543275, 533305 and 539294, opposite our VII Army Corps units.

32. Between 0730 and 0820 hours on 19 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a grader and nine dump trucks was observed levelling and repairing the earth road between co-ordinates 548220 and 548228, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

33. As of 1600 hours on 19 March, water levels as a result of flooding by the Iranian side were as follows: between co-ordinates 913998 and 913873, 113-195 centimetres; between defensive position No. 3, at co-ordinates 915865, and defensive position No. 1, at co-ordinates 940812, 95-165 centimetres; between co-ordinates 907290 and 910115, 5-54 centimetres; between co-ordinates 902287 and 912054, 12-120 centimetres.

34. Between 0930 and 1015 hours on 20 March, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of two excavators, a bulldozer and two dump trucks was observed repairing the earth embankment at co-ordinates 305626, mending a road at co-ordinates 266709 and carrying earth to co-ordinates 274696, at a distance of between 700 and 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

35. At 1255 hours on 20 March, three Iranian boats were observed entering one of the river marshes of the Shatt al-Arab at co-ordinates 758131, at a distance of 1,300 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

36. As of 1600 hours on 20 March, water levels as a result of flooding by the Iranian side were as follows: between co-ordinates 913998 and 913873, 118-195 centimetres; between defensive position No. 3, at co-ordinates 915865, and defensive position No. 1, at co-ordinates 940812, 35-170 centimetres; between co-ordinates 907290 and 910115, 7-56 centimetres; between co-ordinates 909287 and 912054, 10-130 centimetres.

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

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