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PERMANENT MISSION 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. At 1030 hours on 4 March 1989, six Iranian forces personnel were observed constructing a new firing position on the slopes of hill 407 at co-ordinates 166754, at a distance of 1.5 kilometres from the forward perimeter of our I Special Army Corps units.
2. On 4 March 1989, the Iranian side constructed a sandbagged battle position at co-ordinates 942779, at a distance of 300 metres from our III Army Corps units.
3. At 1000 hours on 4 March 1989, the Iranian side built an earth mound, probably designed as an observation post, at co-ordinates 948788, at a distance of 1,100 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
4. At 1750 hours on 4 March 1989, the Iranian side switched on its Arabic-language field broadcasting station opposite sector L508 (III Army Corps). The broadcast included attacks against the party, the revolution and the political leadership.
5. Between 0830 hours and 1445 hours on 4 March 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of 2 excavators, 2 bulldozers, a grader, a roller and 27 dump trucks was observed levelling a road at co-ordinates 332574, 308591 and 300642, at a distance of 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
6. Between 0740 hours and 1130 hours on 4 March 1989, an engineering unit consisting of 10 dump trucks was observed strengthening the road at co-ordinates 431533, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
7. An engineering unit consisting of an excavator, a bulldozer and seven dump trucks was observed strengthening the roads at co-ordinates 504386, at a distance of 600 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

8. Between 0740 hours and 1130 hours on 4 March 1989, an engineering unit consisting of an excavator, a bulldozer, a grader and 20 dump trucks was observed strengthening the roads at co-ordinates 334534 and 535299, at a distance of 650 to 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
9. On 4 March 1989, an engineering unit consisting of two excavators, a bulldozer and eight dump trucks was observed strengthening the roads at co-ordinates 512385, at a distance of 1,100 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
10. Between 0835 hours and 0850 hours on 4 March 1989, an engineering unit consisting of an excavator, a roller and two dump trucks was observed strengthening the roads at co-ordinates 689147, at a distance of 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
11. On 4 March 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator, a bulldozer, two Poclairn backhoes, a roller and five dump trucks was observed levelling a road at co-ordinates 547229, at a distance of 600 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
12. At 1428 hours on 5 March 1989, a tank was observed at co-ordinates 251713, at a distance of 600 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
13. Between 0800 hours and 0830 hours on 5 March 1989, an engineering unit consisting of two excavators, two bulldozers, a roller, 14 dump trucks and a grader was observed strengthening the roads at co-ordinates 332574 and 300641, at a distance of 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
14. Between 0715 hours and 0945 hours on 6 March 1989, the Iranian side was observed carrying out engineering work at co-ordinates 991748, at a distance of 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units. Later that day, at 1030 hours the engineering unit resumed work, and at 1115 hours an engineering unit consisting of an excavator and four dump trucks was observed at the same site.
15. At 1715 hours on 6 March 1989, the Iranian side began to bombard the forward units of our III Army Corps with heavy artillery. The number of projectiles which fell on our units amounted to 78 (81-millimetre) mortar shells and 11 high-calibre (120-millimetre) shells.
16. The Iranian side installed a PKG machine-gun at co-ordinates 563015, at a distance of 200 metres from the forward perimeter of our IV Army Corps units.
17. On 6 March 1989, the Iranian side fired three rockets from a launcher, which fell on our VII Army Corps units at co-ordinates 254703.
18. The Iranian side installed a PKC machine-gun at co-ordinates 248715, at a distance of 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
19. At 1105 hours on 6 March 1989, the Iranian side fired four mortar shells at the northern spit of Umm al-Rasas island, at co-ordinates 225715 and 222714 in the VII Army Corps sector.

20. At 1120 hours on 6 March 1989, the Iranian side fired three mortar shells at co-ordinates 238715 and one shell at co-ordinates 241709. At 1127 hours, the Iranian side fired a further three mortar shells at co-ordinates 245707, in the VII Army Corps sector.

21. Between 1705 hours and 1830 hours on 6 March 1989, the Iranian side fired 64 grenades and four 81-millimetre mortar shells at our III Army Corps units. At 1835 hours on the same day, the Iranian side resumed artillery fire throughout the 11th Division (III Army Corps) sector, firing a total of 65 grenades and 18 tube-launched Krad missiles by 1940 hours.

22. The Iranian side installed an SPG-9 gun east of the Doveyrij river at co-ordinates 398861, at a distance of one kilometre from the forward perimeter of our IV Army Corps units.

23. At 1000 hours and 1810 hours on 6 March 1989, there were movements by three Iranian tanks. The first moved from south of the Arayid river to behind the embankment at co-ordinates 248715, at a distance of 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our units; the second moved from co-ordinates 51713, at a distance of 600 metres from the forward perimeter of our units; and the third moved from co-ordinates 249714, at a distance of 600 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

24. Between 0745 hours and 0905 hours on 6 March 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a grader, a roller and eight dump trucks was observed levelling a road at co-ordinates 325575, at a distance of 1,100 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

25. At 1030 hours on 6 March 1989, an engineering unit consisting of five dump trucks and a bulldozer was observed strengthening the road at co-ordinates 535298, at a distance of 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units. An engineering unit consisting of six dump trucks and two bulldozers was also observed strengthening and improving a road at co-ordinates 507326, at a distance of 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

26. At 1615 hours on 6 March 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of five dump trucks and two bulldozers was observed transporting earth at co-ordinates 548232, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units. An engineering unit consisting of seven dump trucks and a bulldozer was also observed building a road between co-ordinates 548228, at a distance of 600 metres from the forward perimeter of our units, and co-ordinates 547233, at a distance of 500 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

27. At 1020 hours on 7 March 1989, three Iranian forces personnel were observed building a position from sandbags and blocks at co-ordinates 255710, at a distance of 450 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.

28. Between 0715 hours and 0830 hours on 7 March 1989, an engineering unit consisting of three bulldozers, two graders, two rollers, 16 dump trucks and an excavator was observed levelling and improving the roads at co-ordinates 240719, 343591 and 303641, at a distance of 800 to 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
29. At 1000 hours on 7 March 1989, an engineering unit consisting of eight dump trucks, two excavators, a bulldozer and a grader was observed transporting earth from co-ordinates 512385, at a distance of 850 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
30. At 1030 hours on 7 March 1989, an engineering unit consisting of 14 dump trucks, a bulldozer and a grader was observed strengthening and improving the roads at co-ordinates 535298 and 527308, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
31. Between 0730 hours and 0915 hours on 7 March 1989, an engineering unit consisting of 30 dump trucks, five bulldozers and an excavator was observed improving and levelling roads at co-ordinates 433533, 490338, 494371, 504382 and 477478, at a distance of 600 to 850 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
32. On 8 March 1989, the Iranian side constructed an SPG-9 gun position at co-ordinates 945805, at a distance of 700 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
33. On 8 March 1989, the Iranian side replaced and reinforced its regular units with Khomeini's Guards in the district of Kushk al-Basri, on the line dividing the 19th Division from the 30th Division in the III Army Corps sector.
34. Between 0730 hours and 0930 hours on 8 March 1989, four Scania vehicles, two Coaster vehicles and two pick-ups were observed transporting between 40 and 50 individuals to replace the units on the first enemy embankment at co-ordinates 923312, at a distance of 900 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.
35. At 2140 hours on 8 March 1989, the Iranian side fired 12 120-millimetre mortar shells, which fell over our III Army Corps units at co-ordinates 6698. At 2225 hours on the same day, the bombardment was resumed with six 120-millimetre mortar shells, and eight further 120-millimetre mortar shells at 2230 hours.
36. At 1955 hours on 8 March 1989, the Iranian side fired SPG-9 rockets and RPG-7 grenades at the metal tower erected at co-ordinates 839806 in the III Army Corps sector. The total number of projectiles fired by the Iranians amounted to 50 heavy-artillery shells, 55 120-millimetre mortar shells, 150 Krad missiles, 11 SPG-9 rockets and 90 RPG-7 grenades.
37. A new Iranian sandbagged observation post was observed at co-ordinates 924883, at a distance of 1,500 metres from the forward perimeter of our III Army Corps units.

38. At 0845 hours on 8 March 1989, an engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, two graders, a roller and two dump trucks was observed improving a road at co-ordinates 343586, at a distance of 650 metres from the forward perimeter of our VI Army Corps units.
39. Between 2110 hours and 2245 hours on 8 March 1989, 14 122-millimetre Krad missiles and 13 rounds of heavy-artillery fire fell in the 11th Division sector (III Army Corps) at co-ordinates 2859, 2166 and 2564.
40. Between 0955 hours and 1205 hours on 8 March 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of 21 dump trucks, two bulldozers, a roller, an excavator and a grader was observed at co-ordinates 431531, 486340, 535298 and 527309, at a distance of 650 to 750 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
41. Between 0330 hours and 0830 hours on 8 March 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator, 10 dump trucks and two bulldozers was observed strengthening and levelling the roads and transporting earth at co-ordinates 689147 and 547228, at a distance of 600 to 1,000 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
42. At 1540 hours on 8 March 1989, a Land Cruiser vehicle carrying four Iranian forces personnel and a bulldozer were observed strengthening and levelling a road at co-ordinates 548228, at a distance of 100 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
43. On 9 March 1989, the Iranian side installed a pontoon bridge on the lake to the left of the pipeline overpass at Ras al-Bishah, at co-ordinates 665155, at a distance of 800 metres from the forward perimeter of our VII Army Corps units.
44. 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 9 March 1989 were as follows: from opposite co-ordinates 913998 to opposite co-ordinates 913873, between 104 and 190 centimetres; from opposite co-ordinates 907290 to opposite co-ordinates 910115, between 10 and 45 centimetres; from opposite co-ordinates 909287 to opposite co-ordinates 912054, between 10 and 110 centimetres; from opposite defensive position No. 3 (at co-ordinates 915865) to opposite defensive position No. 1 (at co-ordinates 940812), between 6 and 150 centimetres.

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

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