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LETTER DATED 26 OCTOBER 1989 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that two armed vessels of the Iranian armed forces attacked an Iraqi civilian tugboat, Al-Intisar, belonging to the Iraqi Ports Authority, at 1040 hours (local time) on 25 October 1989. The incident took place one mile to the east of the Iraqi port of Mina al-Bakr, when three armed soldiers boarded the tugboat in an attempt to capture one member of its crew. At 1105 hours on the same day, the armed personnel opened fire on one of the members of the crew, causing him serious injuries from which he died less than one hour later. The tugboat also suffered material damage.

On the same day, another Iranian armed vessel attacked the same tugboat at 1315 hours, when in the vicinity of pontoon No. 2. The international observer group was informed of the incident.

The repetition of this act of aggression on the part of the Iranian authorities - following the similar attack of which we informed you on 18 September 1989 and which was reported in document S/20853 of 19 September 1989 - constitutes a serious violation of the cease-fire and indicates the insincerity of the Iranian régime's intentions with respect to the establishment of peace with Iraq.

In drawing your attention to this serious incident, we request that you take the necessary steps to warn the Iranian side against any repetition of such action. Let it not be imagined that such dangerous practices will, if it persists in them, evoke no response; and it will be Iran that bears the full responsibility for any possible consequences.

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

(Signed) Abdul-Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

