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LETTER DATED 16 NOVEMBER 1989 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF  
THE 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 0950 hours on 1 November 1989, 10 Iranians were observed building two guard posts and a monitoring post to the north-east of Rashkinah at co-ordinates 377858, 3,500 metres from our I Army Corps units.
2. At 1325 hours on 5 November 1989, the Iranians erected a metal tower at co-ordinates 934913, 2,800 metres from our III Army Corps units.
3. At 0815 hours on 5 November 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of five excavators, five bulldozers and 10 dump trucks was observed operating on the Makhfar al-Asyud - Zawiyat al-Kushk road at co-ordinates 855356 and 842356, 2,800 metres from our III Army Corps units.
4. At 1000 hours on 5 November 1989, 19 vehicles carrying Iranian forces personnel, four vehicles carrying 106-millimetre cannons, a vehicle carrying communications equipment and five Land Cruiser vehicles were observed coming from the rear and heading towards the camp at co-ordinates 988692, 2,000 metres from our V Army Corps units, and, at 1100 hours on the same day, 19 empty vehicles were observed leaving the camp and heading in the direction of the Iranian rear.
5. At 1110 hours on 5 November 1989, four Iranians proceeded to dig a 7-metre-long slit trench at co-ordinates 515588, 500 metres from our II Army Corps units.
6. At 0820 hours on 5 November 1989, five Iranians were observed swimming in the Shatt al-Arab at co-ordinates 576192, 800 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
7. At 1540 hours on 5 November 1989, six Iranians wearing military uniforms were observed pitching a tent in the Shaykhan area at co-ordinates 103882, 4,000 metres from our I Army Corps units.

8. At 1230 hours on 5 November 1989, an Iranian excavator was observed digging personnel positions to the north of Darurah at co-ordinates 875808, 3,000 metres from our I Army Corps units.

9. At 0900 hours on 6 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build two shelters of sandbags, which they surrounded with wire, in Juman village at co-ordinates 524817, 800 metres from our I Army Corps units.

10. At 1000 hours on 6 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build a shelter of blocks opposite the village of Bardat Rash at co-ordinates 536833, 1,600 metres from our I Army Corps units.

11. At 0800 hours on 6 November 1989, three Iranians in civilian dress were observed erecting a footbridge at co-ordinates 936129, 1,000 metres from our II Army Corps units.

12. At 1300 hours on 6 November 1989, five groups of approximately 50 Iranians proceeded to build rest shelters behind hill 466 at co-ordinates 966122, 3,000 metres from our II Army Corps units.

13. At 0830 hours on 6 November 1989, eight Iranians proceeded to build a shelter of seven semicircular concrete sections at co-ordinates 153590, 3,000 metres from our II Army Corps units.

14. At 0800 hours on 6 November 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of five excavators, five bulldozers, three rollers and 15 dump trucks was observed operating on the Makhfar al-Asyud - Zawiyat al-Kushk road at co-ordinates 843356 and 855356, 2,800 metres from our III Army Corps units.

15. At 0900 hours on 6 November 1989, the Iranians were observed building two shelters of sandbags at co-ordinates 777191, in the Jazzabah area to the north of Saddamiyah, 5,000 metres from our IV Army Corps units.

16. At 1730 hours on 6 November 1989, 10 Iranians were observed digging a slit trench at co-ordinates 531611, behind the Iranian embankment opposite Tel al-Midakhkhah, 1,500 metres from our IV Army Corps units.

17. At 1620 hours on 6 November 1989, four Iranians were observed building a monitoring post at co-ordinates 268992, 300 metres in front of the Iranian position on the east bank of the Doveirij river and opposite Ayn Karzan, 1,500 metres from our IV Army Corps units.

18. At 0730 hours on 6 November 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator and two dump trucks was observed modifying the Iranian embankment at co-ordinates 301624, 950 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

19. At 0920 hours on 7 November 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of four excavators, five bulldozers, a grader and eight dump trucks was observed operating on the Makhfar al-Asyud - Zawiyat al-Kushk road at co-ordinates 855356 and 843356, 2,800 metres from our III Army Corps units.

20. At 1020 hours on 7 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build two positions on the first Iranian embankment at co-ordinates 993743 and 991743, 200 metres from our III Army Corps units.
21. At 1600 hours on 7 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build a rectangular position of blocks and mud, 2 metres high, 2 metres long and 1.5 metres wide, at co-ordinates 519422, 600 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
22. At 0845 hours on 7 November 1989, four Iranians were observed fishing at co-ordinates 576193, 800 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
23. At 1500 hours on 7 November 1989, four Iranians were observed fishing at co-ordinates 551211, 600 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
24. At 1515 hours on 7 November 1989, six Iranians were observed building two firing positions of sandbags to the east of Yusuf Hayy at co-ordinates 877814, 1,500 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
25. At 1605 hours on 7 November 1989, five Iranians proceeded to build a guard post at co-ordinates 165775, 2,000 metres from our II Army Corps units.
26. At 1635 hours on 7 November 1989, six Iranians accompanied by an excavator proceeded to build a shelter of semicircular concrete sections at co-ordinates 153590, 3,000 metres from our II Army Corps units.
27. At 1210 hours on 8 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build a shelter and a firing position of blocks at co-ordinates 543807 in the village of Malteh, 1,500 metres from our I Army Corps units.
28. At 1110 hours on 8 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to dig a narrow, 2-metre-long firing position and to surround it with sandbags at co-ordinates 928842, 200 metres from our III Army Corps units.
29. At 1000 hours on 8 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build three observation posts on the first Iranian embankment at co-ordinates 998742, 998739 and 999735, 400 metres from our III Army Corps units.
30. At 0900 hours on 8 November 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of five excavators, six bulldozers, a grader and 14 dump trucks was observed operating on the Makhfar al-Asyud - Zawayat al-Kushk road at co-ordinates 855356 and 843356, 2,800 metres from our III Army Corps units.
31. At 1130 hours on 8 November 1989, 10 Iranians wearing military uniforms were observed building a guard post of stones in the proximity of hill 2310 at co-ordinates 121941, 2,500 metres from our I Army Corps units.
32. At 0915 hours on 8 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build a new position at co-ordinates 568961, 200 metres from our II Army Corps units.

33. At 0930 hours on 8 November 1989, a group of Iranians consisting of about 10 persons proceeded to build a position at co-ordinates 559909 to the east of the Khan Layl camp area, 1,000 metres from our II Army Corps units.
34. At 1350 hours on 8 November 1989, four Iranians proceeded to build a rest shelter of sandbags and corrugated iron at co-ordinates 108665, 1,500 metres from our II Army Corps units.
35. At 1615 hours on 8 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build a position on the first embankment at co-ordinates 997741, 350 metres from our III Army Corps units.
36. At 1030 hours on 9 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build a new observation post at co-ordinates 561776, 2,000 metres from our II Army Corps units.
37. At 0900 hours on 9 November 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of five excavators, six bulldozers, three rollers, two graders and 14 dump trucks was observed operating on the Makhfar al-Asyud - Zawayat al-Kushk road at co-ordinates 843356 and 855356, 2,800 metres from our III Army Corps units.
38. At 1315 hours on 10 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to erect the base for a metal tower at co-ordinates 928929, 2,000 metres from our III Army Corps units.
39. At 1005 hours on 10 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build an observation post on the first Iranian embankment at co-ordinates 000735, 800 metres from our III Army Corps units.
40. At 0900 hours on 10 November 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of five excavators, six bulldozers, a grader and 15 dump trucks was observed operating on the Makhfar al-Asyud - Zawayat al-Kushk road at co-ordinates 843356 and 854356, 2,800 metres from our III Army Corps units.
41. At 0900 hours on 10 November 1989, eight Iranians were observed building a 2.5-metre-high monitoring post of wood and roofing it with corrugated iron on top of a building in Muhammarah at co-ordinates 276697, 600 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
42. At 0920 hours on 10 November 1989, three Iranians were observed swimming in the Shatt al-Arab at co-ordinates 576192, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
43. At 1000 hours on 11 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build three concrete shelters and cover them with earth at co-ordinates 145614, 4,000 metres from our II Army Corps units.
44. At 1100 hours on 11 November 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of two excavators, three bulldozers, two graders and three dump trucks was observed operating on the Makhfar al-Asyud - Zawayat al-Kushk road at co-ordinates 854356 and 821356, 2,800 metres from our III Army Corps units.

45. At 1110 hours on 11 November 1989, a khaki-coloured helicopter was observed landing on the Iranian side beyond the Kut al-Shaykh area at co-ordinates 315685, 3,000 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

46. At 1500 hours on 11 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to construct an unroofed, block-built position 2.5 metres wide and 2 metres high at co-ordinates 519423, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

47. At 0720 hours on 12 November 1989, four Iranians were observed building a guard post of corrugated iron sheets at co-ordinates 409848 on the east bank of the Doveirij river, 1,500 metres from our IV Army Corps units.

48. At 0930 hours on 12 November 1989, an Iranian vehicle carrying a 106-millimetre cannon was observed coming from Ayn al-Khush and taking up position at co-ordinates 401875 behind the east bank of the Doveirij river and to the west of Jalizat village, 2,000 metres from our IV Army Corps units.

49. At 1605 hours on 12 November 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer and three dump trucks was observed raising the height of the embankment at co-ordinates 302636, 900 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

50. At 0700 hours on 12 November 1989, five Iranians were observed erecting two 400-pound tents at co-ordinates 547251, 900 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

51. At 1500 hours on 12 November 1989, the Iranians proceeded to erect a 400-pound tent at co-ordinates 547251, 900 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

52. At 1630 hours on 12 November 1989, three Iranians were observed fishing at co-ordinates 594188, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

53. At 1645 hours on 12 November 1989, two Iranians were observed fishing at co-ordinates 584186, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

54. At 1100 hours on 13 November 1989, 10 Iranians wearing military uniforms were observed building a guard post of stones and a position of blocks to the south of Shaykhan at co-ordinates 094867, 3,000 metres from our I Army Corps units.

55. At 0900 hours on 13 November 1989, five Iranians proceeded to build a position of sandbags and to roof it with corrugated iron at co-ordinates 143716, 2,000 metres from our II Army Corps units.

56. At 1015 hours on 13 November 1989, five Iranians proceeded to build a monitoring post of sandbags at co-ordinates 178558, 2,000 metres from our II Army Corps units.

57. At 0700 hours on 13 November 1989, the Iranians were observed building a firing position of mud at co-ordinates 266992 on the east bank of the Doveirij river and to the east of Ayn Karzan, 1,500 metres from our IV Army Corps units.

58. At 1545 hours on 13 November 1989, five Iranians were observed installing a single-barrel machine-gun at co-ordinates 401863 on the east bank of the Doveirij river and to the north of the Doveirij bridge, 1,500 metres from our IV Army Corps units.

59. At 0915 hours on 13 November 1989, 11 Iranians were observed in front of the Iranian defences in the area of Kani Rash at co-ordinates 303040, one of them standing guard while the other 10 built a rest shelter, 1,000 metres from our V Army Corps units.

60. At 0700 hours on 13 November 1989, two Iranians were observed fishing at co-ordinates 584186, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

61. At 1600 hours on 13 November 1989, two Iranians were observed fishing at co-ordinates 591180, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

62. At 1500 hours on 13 November 1989, six Iranians proceeded to dig a fire trench on hill 466 at co-ordinates 964116, 2,500 metres from our II Army Corps units.

63. At 1600 hours on 13 November 1989, four Iranians proceeded to dig a communications trench at co-ordinates 944119, 600 metres from our II Army Corps units.

#### Flooding operation

The Iranian side is continuing its flooding operation in the direction of our III Army Corps opposite the defensive positions of our military units. The water levels have been as follows:

64. 5 November 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-65 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 0-65 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-75 centimetres.

65. 6 November 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-65 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 0-65 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-75 centimetres.

66. 7 November 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-65 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 0-65 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-75 centimetres.

67. 8 November 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-65 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 0-65 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-75 centimetres.

68. 9 November 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-64 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 0-65 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-75 centimetres.

69. 10 November 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-64 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 0-56 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-75 centimetres.

70. 11 November 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-63 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 0-55 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-75 centimetres.

71. 12 November 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-63 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 0-55 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-75 centimetres.

72. 13 November 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-65 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 0-56 centimetres;  
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-75 centimetres.

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

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