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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. At 1030 hours on 19 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a grader and four dump trucks was observed raising the height of the embankment on Hajj Salbukh island at co-ordinates 313579, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
2. At 0630 hours on 21 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a grader and three dump trucks was observed raising the height of the embankment at co-ordinates 313582, 600 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
3. At 0800 hours on 21 December 1989, the Iranians began to support groups of saboteurs with mortar and medium machine-gun fire from the Surin foothills occupied by Iranian units. Six projectiles fell in the area of hill 1351, at co-ordinates 9710, and at Wadi Washkanaw. At 1000 hours on the same day, the Iranians opened fire from the Surin foothills with mortars and heavy machine-guns on the hill 1110 area at co-ordinates 9114, hill 1071 at co-ordinates 9115, the village of Mir Sur at co-ordinates 9114 and hill 1283 at co-ordinates 9117. The Iranian positions are 1,000 metres from our I Army Corps units.
4. On 22 December 1989, the Iranian engineering unit continued its work at co-ordinates 854350, 2,500 metres from our III Army Corps units.
5. At 1130 hours on 22 December 1989, the Iranians began to support groups of saboteurs with mortar and medium machine-gun fire from the Hurman foothills occupied by Iranian forces. Four projectiles fell in the area of hill 1351 at co-ordinates 9710. The Iranian positions are 1,500 metres from our I Army Corps units.
6. At 1035 hours on 22 December 1989, an Iranian boat was observed carrying five persons engaged in fishing at co-ordinates 663152, 800 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

7. At 1600 hours on 22 December 1989, three dump trucks were observed transporting earth from the rear for the purpose of strengthening the forward embankment at co-ordinates 621184, 2,500 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
8. On 23 December 1989, the Iranian engineering unit continued its work at co-ordinates 854350, 2,500 metres from our III Army Corps units.
9. At 1400 hours on 23 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator and three dump trucks was observed building a road at co-ordinates 566200, 900 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
10. At 1030 hours on 23 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a grader and three dump trucks was observed raising the height of an embankment at co-ordinates 313582, 600 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
11. At 1310 hours on 23 December 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build a rest shelter at co-ordinates 496112, 900 metres from our II Army Corps units.
12. At 1220 hours on 23 December 1989, the Iranians proceeded to strengthen a 150-metre-long slit trench at co-ordinates 563960 and to construct a firing position manned by four persons at the same location, 1,500 metres from our II Army Corps units.
13. On 24 December 1989, the Iranian engineering unit continued its work on the Makhfar al-Asyud - Kushk al-Basri road at co-ordinates 846356, 2,700 metres from our III Army Corps units.
14. At 0700 hours on 24 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator and three dump trucks was observed building a road at co-ordinates 566200, 900 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
15. At 0830 hours on 24 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator and four dump trucks was observed building a road at co-ordinates 549245, 1,100 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
16. At 1000 hours on 24 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a grader and four dump trucks was observed raising the height of the embankment at co-ordinates 313582, 600 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
17. At 1225 hours on 24 December 1989, an Iranian fork-lift was observed unloading concrete sections onto the ground at co-ordinates 372594, 500 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
18. At 1400 hours on 24 December 1989, six Iranians were observed building a personnel shelter at co-ordinates 71573, 1,000 metres from our V Army Corps units.
19. At 1610 hours on 24 December 1989 and again at 1250 hours on 25 December 1989, a large truck with a fork-lift loaded with 14 pontoons was observed 3,750 metres from our VI Army Corps units. The cargo was unloaded at co-ordinates 600631, and the truck with the fork-lift then returned to the Iranian rear.

20. At 0600 hours on 25 December 1989, five Iranians were observed fishing in the Shatt al-Arab at co-ordinates 548256, 800 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
21. On 25 December 1989, the Iranian engineering unit continued its work at co-ordinates 545356, 2,700 metres from our III Army Corps units.
22. At 0900 hours on 25 December 1989, a khaki-coloured Iranian helicopter was observed coming from the Iranian rear and disappearing behind hill 1850 at co-ordinates 945389, 5,000 metres from our I Army Corps units.
23. At 1030 hours on 25 December 1989, an Iranian excavator was observed digging two tank positions to the north of Bashmaq at co-ordinates 938411 and, at the same time, two tanks were seen entering the said positions, 2,000 metres from our I Army Corps units.
24. At 0700 hours on 25 December 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build a floating position at co-ordinates 925030, 1,800 metres from our III Army Corps units.
25. At 0830 hours on 25 December 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build three firing positions on the first Iranian embankment at co-ordinates 988744, 800 metres from our III Army Corps units.
26. At 1435 hours on 25 December 1989, a large truck with a fork-lift carrying seven sections of compressed cork covered with a layer of asphalt, such as are used in bridges and pontoons, was observed unloading its cargo at co-ordinates 600621. The truck with the fork-lift then returned to the Iranian rear. The total number of pontoons stacked on the northern connecting embankment on 24 and 25 December was thus 21. This took place 3,750 metres from our VI Army Corps units.
27. At 0700 hours on 25 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator, a roller and four dump trucks was observed building a road at co-ordinates 566200, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
28. At 0830 hours on 25 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator, a roller and two dump trucks was observed building an earth road at co-ordinates 549245, 1,000 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
29. At 1335 hours on 25 December 1989, seven Iranians were observed fishing in the Shatt al-Arab at co-ordinates 546244, 700 metres from our VI Army Corps units.
30. At 1410 hours on 25 December 1989, five Iranians were observed fishing in the Shatt al-Arab at co-ordinates 546251, 600 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
31. At 0920 hours on 25 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a grader, a roller and four dump trucks was observed strengthening and raising the height of the Iranian embankment at co-ordinates 313582, 600 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
32. At 1150 hours on 25 December 1989, an Iranian fork-lift was observed unloading concrete sections at co-ordinates 372594, 500 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

33. On 26 December 1989, the Iranian engineering unit continued its work at co-ordinates 845356, 2,700 metres from our III Army Corps units.

34. At 0910 hours on 26 December 1989, the Iranians proceeded to make a 250-metre-wide opening in the first Iranian embankment at co-ordinates 928312 in the area of Kushk al-Basri, 2,750 metres from our III Army Corps units.

35. At 1000 hours on 26 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a roller and four dump trucks was observed repairing and strengthening the embankment at co-ordinates 313582, 600 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

36. At 1100 hours on 26 December 1989, an Iranian excavator was observed strengthening the Iranian embankment at co-ordinates 305623, 600 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

37. At 0900 hours on 26 December 1989, five Iranians working with an excavator were observed building a road at co-ordinates 667154, 900 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

38. At 1000 hours on 26 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of an excavator and four dump trucks was observed building a road at co-ordinates 556206, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

39. At 1430 hours on 26 December 1989, a group of about six Iranians proceeded to build a shelter of mud at co-ordinates 593464, 1,000 metres from our II Army Corps units.

40. At 1445 hours on 26 December 1989, 10 Iranians were observed building a shelter of blocks at co-ordinates 335953 to the west of Rakkas, 3,000 metres from our IV Army Corps units.

41. At 1830 hours on 26 December 1989, an Iranian boat approached to within 200 metres of the monitoring post located at co-ordinates 913998, 1,100 metres from our III Army Corps units and, at 1900 hours, another boat approached the same post to within the same distance and then returned to the Iranian embankment.

42. On 27 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit was observed working on the completion of the Makhfar al-Asyud - Zawayat al-Kushk road at co-ordinates 844356, 2,700 metres from our III Army Corps units.

43. At 1200 hours on 27 December 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build two rest shelters of sandbags at co-ordinates 565961, 400 metres from our II Army Corps units.

44. At 0830 hours on 27 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a roller and six dump trucks was observed building a road at co-ordinates 566200, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

45. At 0945 hours on 27 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a roller and four dump trucks was observed strengthening the Iranian embankment at co-ordinates 316579, 600 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

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46. At 1835 and again at 1915 hours on 27 December 1989, the Iranians proceeded to fire two bursts and two single rounds from an automatic rifle in the direction of the Wadi at co-ordinates 141795, 1,500 metres from our II Army Corps units.
47. At 1400 hours on 27 December 1989, the Iranians proceeded to build a personnel position at co-ordinates 946774, 1,000 metres from our III Army Corps units.
48. At 2000 hours on 27 December 1989, two Iranians approached the monitoring post at co-ordinates 948760, 600 metres from our III Army Corps units.
49. At 1140 hours on 27 December 1989, an Iranian bulldozer was observed building an earth embankment 200 metres long and 1.5 metres high to the north of Musiyan at co-ordinates 350068, 2,000 metres from our IV Army Corps units.
50. On 28 December 1989, the Iranian engineering unit continued its work at co-ordinates 844356, 2,700 metres from our III Army Corps units.
51. At 0900 hours on 28 December 1989, seven Iranians were observed building a rest shelter of blocks behind the east bank of the Doveirij river and to the north of Ayn Karzan at co-ordinates 256001, 1,500 metres from our IV Army Corps units.
52. At 0730 hours on 28 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a roller and six dump trucks was observed building a road at co-ordinates 566200, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
53. At 0800 hours on 28 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer and five dump trucks was observed building a road at co-ordinates 667153, 900 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
54. At 1630 hours on 28 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a grader and six dump trucks was observed building a road at co-ordinates 561200, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
55. At 0930 hours on 28 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a roller and four dump trucks was observed repairing and strengthening an embankment at co-ordinates 312584, 600 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
56. On 29 December 1989, the Iranian engineering unit continued to work intensively at co-ordinates 844356, 2,700 metres from our III Army Corps units.
57. At 1210 hours on 29 December 1989, nine Iranians proceeded to build a new shelter of blocks to the south of Yusuf Hayy at co-ordinates 8680, 2,500 metres from our I Army Corps units.
58. At 0730 hours on 29 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a roller and six dump trucks was observed building a road at co-ordinates 566200, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.
59. At 1100 hours on 29 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of eight dump trucks, was observed strengthening an embankment at co-ordinates 313582, 800 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

60. At 0900 hours on 29 December 1989, four Iranians wearing military uniform were observed building a shelter of sandbags among their positions to the north-east of Savjah at co-ordinates 992491, 1,400 metres from our I Army Corps units.

61. At 1705 hours on 29 December 1989, and again at 1145 hours on 30 December 1989, three Iranian boats were observed moving between the two drainage dams at co-ordinates 6355620, 3,000 metres from our VI Army Corps units. The course on which they moved included the following co-ordinates: 6353, 6354, 6454, 6455, 6456, 6457, 6557 and 6558.

62. At 0800 hours on 30 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of two dump trucks was observed transporting earth from the rear for the construction of a road at co-ordinates 616169, 900 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

63. At 0840 and again at 1620 hours on 30 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a roller, a tanker truck and seven dump trucks was observed building a road at co-ordinates 566200, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

64. At 1620 hours on 30 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a grader, a roller and eight dump trucks was observed strengthening the Iranian embankment at co-ordinates 315583, 800 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

65. At 1610 hours on 30 December 1989, seven Iranians proceeded to build two firing positions at co-ordinates 942111, 300 metres from our II Army Corps units.

66. At 1400 hours on 30 December 1989, nine Iranians proceeded to dig five firing positions 1 metre long and 1.5 metres deep and approximately 30 metres apart at co-ordinates 259004, 2,000 metres from our IV Army Corps units.

67. At 0730 hours on 31 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a roller, six dump trucks and a Scania truck was observed building a road at co-ordinates 563200, 700 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

68. At 0730 hours on 31 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of 13 dump trucks was observed improving the road at co-ordinates 515432, 1,000 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

69. At 1600 hours on 31 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer, a roller and six dump trucks was observed building a road at co-ordinates 563220, 2,100 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

70. At 1600 hours on 31 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of three dump trucks and a Land Cruiser vehicle was observed transporting earth from the rear to the earth road at co-ordinates 619168, 800 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

71. At 0915 hours on 31 December 1989, an Iranian engineering unit consisting of a bulldozer and eight dump trucks was observed strengthening the earth embankment at co-ordinates 317575, 600 metres from our VII Army Corps units.

72. At 1620 hours on 31 December 1989, six Iranians, three wearing military uniform and three in Kurdish costume, were observed building a new shelter of blocks to the north of Darurah at co-ordinates 877814, 1,500 metres from our I 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:

73. 21 December 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902213, 0-70 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 60-140 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-155 centimetres.

74. 22 December 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-70 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 50-100 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-160 centimetres.

75. 23 December 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-70 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 60-100 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-160 centimetres.

76. 24 December 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-70 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 60-100 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-160 centimetres.

77. 25 December 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-70 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 60-100 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-160 centimetres.

78. 26 December 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-70 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 60-100 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-160 centimetres.

79. 27 December 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-70 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 60-100 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-160 centimetres.

80. 28 December 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-70 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 60-100 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-160 centimetres.

81. 29 December 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-70 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 60-110 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-165 centimetres.

82. 30 December 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-80 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 60-110 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-165 centimetres.

83. 31 December 1989

Between co-ordinates 678327 and 902203, 0-80 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902203 and 902904, 60-110 centimetres;
Between co-ordinates 902904 and 989731, 0-165 centimetres.

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

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