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LETTER DATED 3 SEPTEMBER 1974 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 27 August 1974 addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations (S/11472) and to bring the following to your attention.

Although resolution 348 (1974) takes note of a bilateral agreement between Iraq and Iran, the Iraqi authorities still seem, in practice, to be bent only on interpreting that agreement in a unilateral manner.

Thus, by referring to so-called concentrations of Iranian troops along the frontier, they hope to divert attention from the movements of Iraqi armed forces towards our frontier - movements which have increased in scale particularly of late.

Furthermore, as I stated in my letter dated 27 August 1974, even while negotiations were taking place at Istanbul between the Iranian and Iraqi delegations, Iraqi forces were committing fresh acts of provocation against Iran, violating our air space and our territory, and were opening fire, with artillery, mortar and machine-guns, on the inhabitants of the Iranian frontier regions.

The letter from the Permanent Representative of Iraq reports the death of one Iraqi, but makes no mention of the number of Iranian civilians who have been victims of acts of Iraqi aggression.

The Iraqi authorities also seem to forget the many problems created for Iran over the past several months by the continual influx of Iraqi Kurds fleeing from the military operations and bombardments of their villages, fields and pasture lands. These refugees, all of whom are women, children and old people, and of whom there are already more than 72,000, are being cared for by the Society of the Red Lion and Sun which has, for this purpose, been obliged to ask the Government for additional funds currently amounting to \$100 million. As is usual, the Society has also informed, in good time, the International Committee of the Red Cross and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, who have sent their representatives to visit the numerous reception centres.

It is curious to note that each time that a gleam of hope of bilateral negotiations appears, the Iraqi authorities appeal to the Security Council.

Last February, at the very time when diplomatic relations between the two countries had just been resumed and when the newly arrived ambassador of Iraq was presenting his credentials, the Iraqi Government was making an unfounded allegation against my country before the Council. Now, scarcely has the first round of bilateral negotiations been completed, than the Permanent Representative of Iraq feels the need to write to the President of the Security Council in order to bring fantastic accusations against Iran. This tactic on the part of the Iraqi authorities clearly shows who is endeavouring to undermine the effort to find a solution to our differences and to prevent the implementation of the bilateral agreement concluded last April between our two Governments.

I would request that this letter be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Fereydoun HOVEYDA  
Permanent Representative

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