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LETTER DATED **10** SEPTEMBER 1988 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 **armed forces of Iran** have recently committed further violations of the cease-fire. The details of these violations follow,

1. On 3 September 1988, at 0820 hours, 15 shots were heard in the area of **Moussian** and a company-sized group of soldiers were observed as they advanced one **kilometre from their position** situated to the left of our defence positions and four kilometres from the units of our Fourth **Army Corps**.
2. On the same day, at **0820** hours, our forces saw a mechanical digger build an earthwork more than nine metres high on the Iranian line to the right of gate **No. 4**. This embankment is situated in front of our positions on the northern bank of the **Arayid River**.
3. Again on 3 September, at 0830 hours, the enemy opened a four-metre breach in the Iranian defence **line** situated opposite **our** Third Army Corps positions. **Furthermore**, at 1245 hours, the enemy enlarged that breach.
4. On the same day, at 0930 hours, the enemy installed a **row** of barbed wire opposite our positions and **some** of the enemy were spotted laying mines opposite the **units** of **our** Third **Army Corps**.
5. On the same day, at 1100 hours, an Iranian vehicle was seen in the vicinity of the enemy lines as it unloaded barbed wire opposite the units of our Third **Army Corps**.
6. Also on 3 September 1988, at 1300 hours, an enemy soldier fired 10 rifle shots in the direction of our units north of the point at the geographic co-ordinate of 1623 in our First **Army Corps** sector.
7. Many military engineering activities were observed in front of the units of our Fourth Army **Corps**.

8. On 3 September 1988, at 2315 hours, a liaison officer of the international observer patrol No. 3 saw some lookout posts of the Iranian enemy that did not exist before, 500 metres from our Third Army Corps positions. Each post was occupied by a soldier and between the different posts enemy soldiers could be seen working on fortifications.

9. On 4 September 1988, at 1000 hours, the international observer patrol saw the enemy erect a **lookout** post on the enemy line twenty metres from the forward positions of our Third Army Corps.

10. Also on 4 September 1988, at 2205 hours, the enemy shot a green flare behind the **Duwayrij** River, which is situated opposite the units of our Fourth Army Corps.

11. On 5 September 1988, at 0700 hours, the enemy built an earthwork in front of the units of our Third Army Corps.

12. On the same day, at 0815 hours, a mechanical digger and a bulldozer were seen at the end of the right bank of the drainage canal. These machines were being used to construct a wall between the canal and the main enemy wall. Part of this wall was built opposite our Third Army Corps positions.

13. On the same day at 0820 hours, the enemy opened a breach in its fortifications and flooded an area 300 metres wide by 1,500 metres long. In our Third Army-Corps sector, the water is still flowing in.

14. On the same day, at 0850 hours, some of the enemy were observed building lookout posts fortified with sandbags in front of our forward positions, 300 metres from our Third Army Corps.

15. Again on 5 September 1988, at 0930 hours, 20 groups of three enemy soldiers each were observed digging **trenches** to the left of the Sikkat Aman Heights, six kilometres from the units of our Second Army Corps.

16. At the same time some of the enemy were seen fortifying new positions that they had built in front of our forces 700 metres from the sector occupied by our Second Army Corps.

17. Still on 5 September 1988, at 0930 hours, six enemy soldiers attempted to draw near to the forward positions of our First Army Corps, venturing to within 300 metres of our forces.

18. On 5 September 1988, at 0855 hours, the enemy opened a breach at the end of the right bank of the drainage canal in front of the forward units of our Third Army Corps.

19. On the same day, at 1740 hours, a group of approximately 19 enemy soldiers installed circular barbed wire in front of our defence lines opposite the forward units of our Third Army Corps.

20. Still on 5 September 1988, at 0900 hours, a Poclain mechanical digger was seen in front of the Iranian **lines**, inside the sector occupied by the Third **Army Corps**.

21. On the same day, at 0830 hours, a certain number of enemy soldiers were observed doing surveillance work from a lookout post. The Iranian flag was hoisted on this post opposite our units.

22. **On** 5 September 1988 again, at 0720 hours, nine enemy aircraft were spotted as they flew **from Dihralan** towards **Eyn Khush** at a distance of from five to seven kilometres from the units of our Fourth Army Corps.

23. On the same day, at 1115 hours, the enemy opened a breach in the **defence** lines of the Third Army Corps through the canal going vertically in the direction of the **frontier**. Through binoculars, water could be seen escaping from that breach. Another breach has now been dug in a southerly direction in front of the Iranian **line situated in the vicinity** of the vertical canal. The aim of these operations, done **with** a Poclain mechanical digger and a bulldozer, is **to** raze the bank of the vertical canal.

24. Engineering activities were observed in front of the units of our Seventh Army **Corps**.

25. **On** the same date, at 1300 hours, the enemy **proceeded** for half an hour to install a **106-mm cannon** opposite the units of **our** Fourth Army Corps.

26. **On** 5 September 1988, at 1720 hours, the **enemy** installed barbed wire and laid mines **opposite the units of** our Fifth Army Corps.

27. The enemy set up a new position across from the lookout post situated in the **Al-Bayda** zone, opposite the units of **our** Seventh Army Corps.

28. The **enemy erected** a major protective wall and installed an additional machine-gun. Furthermore, they hoisted the Iranian flag in the vicinity of the area in front of the northern lookout post on Majnoon.

29. Engineering activities were observed at a number of points opposite the forward positions of our Seventh Army Corps.

30. On 5 September 1988, at 2030 hours, the enemy fired a shot in the direction of our positions in the area situated at the geographic co-ordinate of 1351, in our First Army Corps sector.

31. On the same day, between **1630** and 1700 hours, three of the enemy set up a protective magnetic barricade in front of the positions of our Third **Army Corps**.

32. **On the same day**, at 1730 hours, our **forces** spotted an enemy bulldozer building an earthwork from 10 to 15 metres high.

33. On 5 September 1988 as well, at 1815 hours, 15 civilians **were** noted opposite the forward positions of our Third **Army Corps** as they supervised canal-digging work being done with a mechanical digger.

34. On 7 September 1988, at 0850 hours, some enemy soldiers were seen building two lookout posts reinforced with sandbags, 300 metres from the forward positions of our Second Army Corps.

35. On the same day, at 0815 hours, a mechanical digger and a bulldozer were spotted at the end of the right bank of the drainage canal, constructing a slope between the canal and the main enemy fortifications. Part of this work was done opposite our Third Army Corps positions.

36. On the same day, at 0855 hours, the enemy opened a breach at the end of the right bank of the drainage canal, in front of the forward positions of our Third Army Corps.

37. On 5 September 1988, at 1740 hours, a group of about 19 enemy soldiers installed circular barbed wire in front of the defence positions of our Third Army Corps.

38. On 7 September 1988, at 0040 hours, there was light-arm fire from the enemy in the direction of the units of our Third Army Corps.

39. On 7 September 1988, at 1830 hours, an enemy vehicle transporting approximately 10 men approached our forces and installed barbed wire opposite our positions in the Third Army Corps sector.

40. On the same day, at 1615 hours, a small group of enemy soldiers were observed at the end of the Iranian lines in the Tek Tek pass, in the direction of Mount Yagh, ten kilometres away from our forces. Earlier, this position had not been occupied by the enemy.

The competent Iraqi authorities have brought these violations to the attention of the United Nations Military Observer Group in Baghdad.

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

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Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

