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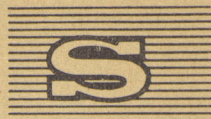
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LETTER DATED 26 JULY 1961 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF IRAQ ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour, on instructions from my Government, to bring the following to the attention of the Security Council:

During the afternoon of 23 July 1961 three British soldiers, in a reconnaissance armoured car, were apprehended by the Iraqi authorities inside Iraqi territory at Safwan.

These soldiers belong to Company 34 (Engineers) which was sent recently from Kenya as part of the British force concentrated in Kuwait.

It appears that they were sent from Kuwait on a military mission.

They were transferred, with their armoured car to Baghdad on 24 July 1961 where preliminary investigations are being held by the Iraqi authorities.

I have the honour to draw the attention of the Security Council to the gravity of this aggressive and provocative act which constitutes a violation of Iraq's sovereignty and the principles of international law.

My Government has lodged a strong protest in respect of this act which was carried out on the orders of the British military authorities in Kuwait.

The Government of Iraq has demanded that the Government of the United Kingdom put an end to such acts which can only increase tension and threaten peace in the area.

In drawing the attention of the Security Council to the serious consequences of such acts, the Government of Iraq states categorically that the British Government alone will be held responsible.

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

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Adnan PACHACHI
Permanent Representative of Iraq
to the United Nations
