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THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have been instructed to bring to your attention the following information: On the night of Monday, 2 May 1983, at 22:00, Baghdad television interrupted its normal broadcasting to announce a statement by the Iraqi minister of culture and information to the effect that Iraq will bombard Iranian cities in retaliation to Iranian shelling of Iraqi cities. This is only one of the latest indications to, once again, launch indiscriminate attacks on civilians in Iran.

As it has been the practice of the ruling régime in Iraq to attempt to justify its criminal acts against Iranian civilians by such baseless allegations, it is obvious that the rulers of Iraq are planning a new crime against Iranian civilians.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that if the Security Council had not chosen to remain indifferent towards the crimes against humanity committed by Iraq against innocent civilians in Iran since September of 1980, Iraq would not feel free to continue committing such crimes today.

The Moslem people of Iran are left with no choice but to continue their struggle, singlehandedly, to regain their legitimate rights, so that an honourable and permanent peace may be established in the region.

I would appreciate if this letter is distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Said RAJAIE KHORASSANI
Permanent Representative