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LETTER DATED 9 APRIL 1986 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention and that of the international community to the insidious way in which the name of Iraq was dragged into the letter addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Israel on 1 April 1986 (S/17963), when he asserted that there had been "an official broadcast from Baghdad" concerning responsibility for the carrying out of the operation which he referred to in the above-mentioned letter.

While I emphasize that no Iraqi official made any statement and that no official Iraqi information agency broadcast any statement on the subject, the Government of my country feels compelled to warn that it is not inconceivable that the purpose behind the reference to Iraq on this occasion is the marshalling of pretexts for new Israeli aggression against Iraq along the lines of its aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations dedicated to peaceful purposes in 1981.

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

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI
Permanent Representative



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On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to refer to document S/17972 of 7 April 1986, containing a letter addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and to state that the air raids carried out by the Iraqi air force on 4 April 1986, as indicated in the military communiqué No. 2173 issued by the general command of the Iraqi armed forces on that day, was confined to the following:

1. At 1.30 p.m. local time on that day, a group of aircraft of the Iraqi air force attacked and damaged the Imam Hasan oil-pumping station and also struck one of the oil-tankers anchored at that station.
2. At 9.30 a.m. local time on that day, a large naval target off the Iranian coast was hit.
3. Groups of tents and caravans of the Iranian armed forces were hit and destroyed, as were several Iranian command posts situated within Iranian territory just across the international frontier in the Panjween sector.
4. Artillery deployed in the front lines of the Iranian 7th army corps, in the south of the country, was hit and damaged.
5. Ninety military vehicles of various types were destroyed in attacks carried out by Iraqi aircraft during the same day on supply and communication lines of the Iranian forces.
6. A heavy, concentrated strike was conducted against eight vehicle stations and four large hangars in the sector opposite Panjween.
7. At 4.20 p.m. local time on the same day, another destructive raid was carried out against the Imam Hasan station and a second large oil-tanker was hit.

I should like to take this opportunity to inform you and the international community that the significance of the Iranian letter has become known to us. The letter follows the established procedure of deception and confusion followed by the Iranian régime in an effort to divert attention from the repeated crimes of

aggression perpetrated against Iraq and from its persistent waging of the war of aggression in violation of the United Nations Charter and Security Council resolutions, including its latest, resolution 582 (1986) unanimously adopted by the Council on 24 February 1986.

In that connection I should like to recall the letter addressed to you on 7 March 1986 (S/17904), in which I again replied to the baseless allegations of the Iranian régime of the same nature as those contained in the letter from the representative of Iran mentioned earlier, and in which I stated that those allegations provided firm indications that the régime was preparing to attack cities with a view to confusing the situation after the heavy defeats and losses it had suffered as a result of its attempt to invade Iraqi territory and to occupy the Iraqi port of Al-Faw.

I should like to reaffirm what I stated the previous time, namely, that it is incumbent upon you and the United Nations in general, and upon the Security Council in particular, to be aware of the facts and to act with the utmost wisdom in curbing the inveterately twisted practices of the Iranian régime, as demonstrated by its aggression and its denial of all the obligations laid down by the United Nations Charter and by international law, in order to prevent the recurrence of more of the miseries of the past six years, which have resulted from the persistence of the Iranian régime in its policy of war, aggression and expansionism.

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

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI
Permanent Representative
