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LETTER DATED 8 JULY 1986 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED  
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government and in connection with the accusations made by the authorities of Iraq contained in document S/18188, that is, the alleged Iranian ground to ground missile attack against the residential areas in the town of Kirkuk, I have the honour to inform you that this allegation is completely false. There has been no such missile attack against the civilian areas of Kirkuk. However, the forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran did launch a missile attack on the Kirkuk oil installations, which happened to be effective.

It is our opinion that by fabricating the allegations of the attack on civilian areas of Kirkuk, the Iraqi officials have been preparing the grounds for resuming their aerial attacks on the civilian areas of the Islamic Republic of Iran, as they actually did by their attacks on 29 June 1986 against the innocent civilians of Sa'adiieh (a village near Ahwaz) and the city of Rabat.

As a result of this Iraqi violation of international humanitarian law and of the 12 June Agreement, five civilians are so far reported to have been martyred and 28 others wounded while eight residential units were levelled to the ground.

I am instructed to request of Your Excellency to instruct the United Nations team, stationed in Tehran, to visit the city of Rabat and the village of Sa'adiieh and prepare a report of yet another Iraqi war crime for the information of the international body.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Said RAJAIE-KHORASSANI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative