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LETTER DATED 30 OCTOBER 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, I have the honour to draw your attention to the latest Iraqi attacks on civilian centres of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

On the afternoon of 29 October 1986, the criminal forces of the Iraqi régime bombarded the city of Bakhtaran. As a result of this attack, 20 civilians have so far been reported to have been martyred and a number of others injured, while a hospital, several residential units and a number of cars were hit. The intruding Iraqi jet fighters opened machine-gun fire on innocent people in the streets when forced to escape from the Iranian air space by the anti-aircraft fire of the Muslim combatants.

On the morning of 30 October 1986 a second aerial attack was carried out against Bakhtaran by the Iraqi forces of aggression. As a result of this attack, which appears to have been aimed at an industrial unit, 12 civilians have so far been reported to have been martyred and 56 others injured, while a hospital, a teachers' training school and several cars were hit.

At 1300 hours (0930 GMT) on 30 October 1986 the Iraqi war planes bombed a township north of Shooshtar in Khuzestan Province, which left 4 civilians martyred and 12 others injured.

Noting that the Muslim combatants will not allow such Iraqi savagery to go unpunished, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran warns that only the Iraqi criminal rulers must be held responsible for the consequences of the Muslim combatants' reaction.

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

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