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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and with reference to our recent letters concerning the criminal Iranian régime's persistence in striking at purely civilian targets in Iraq, the most recent being the letter contained in document S/18539, I have the honour to inform you that two Iranian aircraft have bombed residential quarters in Sulaymaniyah governorate, causing the death of five civilian citizens and the wounding of 25 other civilian citizens.

In the afternoon yesterday, 23 December 1986, an Iranian aircraft carried out a raid in which it bombed a primary school in the border town of Khanaqin. This resulted in the death of seven civilian citizens, including four children and one woman, the wounding of 83 other civilian citizens, including 50 children, pupils of the primary school, the destruction of the primary school, 28 commercial stores, eight dwelling-houses, one cinema and one privately owned ice-making plant, damage to one mosque, 20 dwelling-houses and 42 commercial stores, the burning of seven civilian vehicles and damage to 11 vehicles and two buildings.

On 24 December 1986, residential quarters in the border township of Badrah were exposed to shelling by Iranian long-range artillery. This resulted in the wounding of one child and damage to five dwelling-houses and two civilian vehicles.

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

(Signed) Ali Mahmoud SUMAIDA
Alternate Permanent Representative
and Chargé d'affaires a.i.
