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LETTER DATED 8 DECEMBER 1986 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE 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 persistence of the Iranian régime in its strikes against purely civilian targets in Iraq, the most recent being the letter contained in document S/18496, I have the honour to inform you that this régime continued to strike at civilian targets during the past three days. The details are as follows:

On 6 December 1986, an Iranian aircraft bombed residential neighbourhoods in the city of 'Akho, killing one woman and three children, injuring two women and two other civilian citizens, destroying two houses and damaging one civilian vehicle;

On 7 December 1986, residential neighbourhoods in the city of Basra were shelled by long-range heavy artillery, resulting in the death of one woman and two children, the wounding of 27 civilian citizens, including six women and six children, and the destruction of eight dwelling-houses, one church, one primary school, one hospital and 13 civilian vehicles;

Iranian artillery shelled the township of Khurmāl, killing three civilian citizens, and injuring four, including one woman and one child, while the criminal Iranian shelling of Sayyid Sadiq resulted in the death of four civilian citizens, including one woman and two children, and the wounding of three citizens, including one child and one woman;

On 8 December 1986, long-range artillery shelled residential neighbourhoods of the city of Basra, killing 12 civilian citizens, including one woman and one child, and injuring 39 others, including three women and two children.

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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