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LETTER DATED 12 JANUARY 1987 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On the orders of my Government and in reference to our many letters about the Iranian régime's repeated attacks on purely civilian targets in Iraq, the most recent of which was circulated as document S/18579, I have the honour to inform you that on 12 January 1987 the residential quarter of the city of Basra was shelled by Iranian long-range heavy artillery; 12 civilians, including 3 women and a child, were killed and 53 civilians, including 6 women and 8 children, were wounded.

The same day, three Iranian aircraft bombed residential quarters in the townships of Kalar and Aqrah and the village of Sarjawah. Eleven civilians, including 5 children and 2 women, were killed and 43, including 24 children and 10 women, wounded in Kalar; 1 citizen was killed and 6 primary schoolchildren were wounded in Sarjawah; 4 children and 1 woman were wounded in Aqrah.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for distribution of the text of this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI  
Permanent Representative

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