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LETTER DATED 6 JUNE 1984 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 protest to the license of further aggression awarded to Iraq by the Security Council in its recent resolution 552 (1984), I have the honour to bring to your attention the tragic news that on Tuesday 5 June 1984, 10.30 local time the Iraqi war planes bombed four different parts of the city of Baneh. The bombardments were launched against the rally of the innocent civilians who were demonstrating in the streets in celebration of the anniversary of the Fifteenth of Khordad. The exact number of casualties is not yet known, but latest reports speak of more than 400 civilian martyrs and above 200 injured. Due to the magnitude of this horrible Iraqi crime today (the 6th of June) is declared as a day of mourning all over the country by the Government.

Crimes of more or less equal magnitude have been repeatedly committed by the Baathist rulers of Iraq against the civilian population of Iran in the past, and as you are well aware the reaction of the Security Council has been sufficed to irresponsible silence, encouraging acquiescence and deplorable one-sided resolutions which provided the aggressor enemy with the means to cover up past aggressions and crimes and to justify further crimes and aggressions to come. This apathetic situation of the Security Council is due to the fact that the same agents of global arrogance who have been pouring their abundant military, financial, and intelligence assistance to the war machinery of President Saddam, have also paralyzed the international body so severely that it has remained absolutely impotent in fulfilling any of its constitutional obligations vis-à-vis the Iraqi invasion of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the war crimes perpetrated against our people in the past almost four years.

In the face of the irresponsible callousness of the Security Council, its abetting acquiescence to Iraqi crimes against the Muslim people of Iran and its deplorable resolutions, the recent massacre of innocent civilians of Baneh by the Baathist rulers of Iraq may not embarrass the international body at all. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran is left with no other option than to take the necessary measures in order not to leave the Baathist rulers of Baghdad unpunished for the heinous crimes they have perpetrated against the innocent civilians of Baneh.

However if the Security Council does not take immediate action to fulfill its obligations regarding the bombardment of Baneh, then it must once again share the responsibility for the crimes that the Baathist rulers of Iraq have perpetrated under the patronage of the Security Council.

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

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