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Letter dated 6 June 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq  
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Further to my letter of 23 May 1984 (S/16580), and on instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith information consisting of excerpts from official Iraqi military communiqués issued between 16 May and 30 May 1984 concerning the shelling by the Iranian forces of civilian targets in Iraqi territory, which resulted in casualties among the civilian population, and damage to residential areas and civilian installations.

I take this opportunity to reaffirm the request made by my Government in the letter of 21 February 1984 addressed to you by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of my country (S/16361), in which you were urged to take immediate action to develop effective arrangements to ensure such international supervision as would guarantee that towns, villages and civilians were not exposed to shelling, since the United Nations is the body which can ensure such arrangements. Otherwise, the Iranian régime will be able to pursue its aggressive policy by brutally shelling towns, villages and the civilian population inside Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its annex to be issued as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Riyadh AL-QAYSI  
Permanent Representative

Annex

On 16 May 1984, the artillery of the Iranian régime shelled the cities of Mandali and Al-Shahabi and their suburbs. The enemy shelling caused damage to a civilian vehicle in Al-Shahabi and to a number of civilian properties in Mandali.

On 19 May 1984, the artillery of the Iranian régime shelled the cities of Basra, Khanaqin, Mandali and their suburbs. As a result of the shelling, one civilian died, six others were injured, one civilian vehicle was damaged in Basra; a woman was injured, three houses were destroyed, and 14 other houses, one civilian vehicle and a number of orchards were damaged in Khanaqin; and four houses, one primary school and one orchard were damaged in Mandali.

On 20 May 1984, the artillery of the Iranian régime shelled the cities of Basra, Mandali, Kasbat Darbindkhan and their suburbs. The shelling caused damage to a house in Basra, a commercial store and another house in Mandali, and a number of civilian structures in Darbindkhan.

On 21 May 1984, the artillery of the Iranian régime shelled the city of Basra and its suburbs. The shelling caused damage to a mosque and two houses.

On 22 May 1984, the artillery of the Iranian régime shelled the cities of Basra and Mandali and their suburbs. The shelling caused the death of three civilians, injured six others, and damaged two houses, one primary school, three civilian vehicles in Basra and damaged a number of civilian properties in Mandali.

On 23 May 1984, the artillery of the Iranian régime shelled the cities of Basra, Qora Tou, Mandali and their suburbs. The shelling injured one child and one woman, and damaged five residential buildings in Basra, injured one civilian and destroyed three residential buildings in Qora Tou and damaged two houses in Mandali.

On 25 May 1984, the cities of Basra, Khanaqin, Mandali and their suburbs were shelled by the artillery of the Iranian régime. The shelling caused the death of two civilians and injury to four children in Basra, injury to two civilians, the destruction of two residential buildings and damage to five other residential buildings and to the city's hospital in Khanaqin, and a fire in one of the orchards in Mandali.

On 26 May 1984, the artillery of the Iranian régime shelled the cities of Basra and Mandali and the district of Shirwan. The shelling caused the death of two children, injury to five other children, and damage to three stores in Basra, the destruction of two houses in Mandali, the death of five children and injury to another child in the district of Shirwan.

On 27 May 1984, the artillery of the Iranian régime shelled the cities of Basra, Khurmali and their suburbs. The shelling caused damage to a number of civilian installations in the two cities.

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On 29 May 1984, the artillery of the Iranian régime shelled the city of Basra and its environs. The shelling caused damage to a number of the city's civilian properties.

On 30 May 1984, Zurbatiya and its environs was shelled by the artillery of the Iranian régime causing damage to a number of its civilian installations.

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