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LETTER DATED 9 APRIL 1987 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government I have the honour to forward herewith communiqué No. 2632, issued on 7 April 1987 by the High Command of the Iraqi armed forces, concerning the latest act of aggression against Iraq by Iran, which the brave armed forces of Iraq managed to repulse and turn to failure.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for distribution of this letter and the annex thereto as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ismat KITTANI
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Communiqué No. 2632, issued on 7 April 1987 by the High Command
of the Iraqi armed forces

As is its wont, the Zionist Khomeini régime has once again tried its luck in vain against the solid defensive wall thrown up by the men of Iraq with their enlightened ideas, their tireless efforts, their indomitable energy and their firepower. To restore its escutcheon, tarnished by the stinging defeat it has suffered in this decisive year, the Iranian régime at dawn on 7 April 1987 launched a huge attack against the sectors of the front defended by three valiant divisions of the heroic Third Corps of the Iraqi army, the Qoteiba, the Al-Muthanna and the Muhammad Al-Qassim.

The forces of the enemy were completely annihilated in the sector defended by the Qoteiba division without even getting close to the Iraqi front lines, but did manage to occupy positions in the sectors defended by the Al-Muthanna and Muhammad Al-Qassim divisions.

The fighting raged from dawn this morning and throughout the day. The raids launched by the intrepid wings of our air force, the devastating fire of our artillery and the slashing assaults of our infantry, commandos and tanks reduced the enemy forces to smoking ruins. With God's help all the positions captured in the Al-Muthanna division sector have been liberated and the situation has settled down definitively in our favour.

In the sector of the front defended by the Muhammad Al-Qassim division, our brave army has managed to crush the forces of the aggressor and recapture the positions that had been taken with the exception of a small number where it is currently flushing out the last pockets of the enemy and harrying them constantly.

So the offensive launched by the enemy to disrupt the holidays which the people of Iraq are now celebrating and, as mentioned above, to restore its escutcheon has failed, leaving it to savour once again the bitter fruits of defeat.
