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PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and following the many letters we have sent you concerning the bombardment by the aggressive Iranian régime of strictly civilian targets in Iraq, the most recent having been issued as document S/18996, I have the honour to inform you that the armed forces of the said régime have perpetrated the following acts of aggression:

1. On 24 July 1987, the residential quarter of the heroic city of Basra was pounded with long-range heavy artillery. Several dwellings and property belonging to civilians were damaged.

2. On 27 July 1987, the Iranian aggressive forces pounded the residential quarter of Qal'at Diza (Sulaymaniyah district) with long-range heavy artillery, causing seven deaths among the civilian population including a little girl and a woman, and damaging one dwelling and two shops. They also pounded the residential quarter of Qazaniyah (Sulaymaniyah district), wounding two children.

3. On 28 July 1987, the Iranian aggressive forces shelled the residential quarter of the heroic city of Basra and used heavy long-range artillery to pound the residential quarter of the township of Qal'at Diza (Sulaymaniyah district), killing one woman and wounding two civilians.

The same day, Iranian forces pounded the township of Zirawah (Sulaymaniyah district) with long-range heavy artillery, killing six people and injuring another two.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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