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OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the following attacks by Iraqi forces against civilian centres of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

On 6 May 1988, residential areas of the city of Baneh came under long-range artillery fire as a result of which 2 civilians were martyred and 10 were injured while 12 residential units were damaged. During this episode which lasted from 2200 to 2255 hours, 30 artillery shells were fired.

On 19 May 1988, at 1300 hours, Iraqi warplanes bombarded the village of Alooch, in the vicinity of the city of Baneh, wounding 90 civilians. On 20 May 1988, at 1300 hours, other villages, the villages of Chooman, Malteh, Glasoreh and Sajivood, in the vicinity of Baneh, were also aerielly bombarded, as a result of which 2 civilians were injured.

On 20 May 1988, at 1130 hours, three areas of the city of Paveh were attacked by rockets, cluster bombs and artillery fire. Consequently, 50 civilians were martyred and 150 injured while a residential, a commercial as well as an educational unit were damaged.

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

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