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LETTER DATED 6 JULY 1988 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
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 bring to your attention the most recent cases of the Iraqi attacks against the civilian targets inside the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Beginning at 0200 hours of 4 July 1988, the Iraqi forces of aggression heavily shelled the border city of Sardasht for 5 hours, which claimed 2 martyrs and 11 wounded as well as damaging 20 shops and residential quarters and a number of vehicles. Furthermore, 12 villages in the suburbs of the city have also been under heavy artillery fire, whose toll of casualties will subsequently be made available.

The Islamic Republic of Iran considers these attacks as a provocative prelude to their resumption of the war of the cities.

Therefore, it is expected of the Secretary-General to mobilize all facilities at his disposal to compel the Iraqi régime to respect its obligations under principles of international humanitarian law designed to spare the lives of civilians at the time of war.

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

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