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LETTER DATED 18 AUGUST 1983 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Pursuant to my letter dated 17 August 1983 (S/15932), I have been instructed by my Government to inform you that the ruling régime of Iraq carried out another ferocious bombardment on Iranian civilians in the village of Najaf, located 1 kilometre on the outskirts of the city of Gilan Gharb in west Iran. The barbaric assault occurred at 1445 hours local time, Saturday, 13 August 1983, causing the injury of seven civilians, one of whom later passed away. The Iraqi planes also destroyed several houses and set ablaze the village's wheat harvest. The farms around Karand village in Bakhtaran province received a similar attack when homes and public places were set on fire and windows were shattered. Furthermore, the ruling régime of the Baathist Party of Iraq, in contravention of international norms, dropped chemical bombs in the operational theatre of Val Fajr-2.

Such barbaric actions against the innocent Moslems of the Islamic Republic of Iran demonstrates the frenzied state of the Iraqi régime and further strengthens the justified resistance of Iranian Moslems against the inhuman behaviour and the imposed war of Iraq.

I would like to reiterate, once again, that the acquiescence of the Security Council and the indifference of the international community has been an encouragement for the ruling régime of Iraq to continue its savage atrocities against civilian life in the Islamic Republic of Iran and to continue its blatant violations of international humanitarian law.

It would be appreciated if this letter could be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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