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LETTER DATED 21 JUNE 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 21 June 1984, addressed to you by Mr. Tariq Aziz, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, concerning the Iranian régime's violation of the agreement to abstain from deliberate attacks on purely civilian targets.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Riyadh AL-QAYSI
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 21 June 1984 from the Minister for Foreign
Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I refer to the letter of 10 June 1984 addressed to you by Mr. Saddam Hussein, President of the Republic of Iraq, in reply to your invitation to Iraq and Iran to abstain from bombarding residential areas. The President of the Republic of Iraq stated that his Government accepted your proposal on condition that Iran was committed thereby and that effective steps were taken as soon as possible to supervise the implementation by the two parties of their commitments. He also stated that one of the measures necessary for achieving that end was to prohibit both sides from stationing military forces in or near civilian centres, so as to prevent incursions into those centres during military operations.

Since 12 June Iraq has been strictly complying with its commitments and has agreed to receive a United Nations observer group, which is already in Iraq. This demonstrates its good faith and its concern for scrupulous compliance with the agreement. However, the Iranian side has violated the agreement three times in less than 10 days. I wish to refer at this point to my letter of 16 June 1984, in which I informed you of the premeditated shelling of the town of Sayyid Sadiq. Yesterday the Iranian régime twice bombarded the Basora sector. At 9.50 p.m. on 20 June 1984, Iran shelled one of the residential areas in the province of Basora. On that occasion three heavy-artillery shells were fired and wounded one civilian man and one child. Between 10.40 and 11 p.m. the same night three heavy-artillery shells were fired into another residential area in the Basora sector. Furthermore, the Iranian régime has refused to receive the United Nations observer group in its territory. That refusal demonstrates its intention to use the towns near its frontier with Iraq as centres for building up its forces and for launching attacks against the territories and towns of Iraq, as we have been warning from the outset. We are certain that the Iranian régime has in fact begun to use the towns of Abadan and Al-Mahmara as centres for building up its forces, taking advantage of the agreement in order to achieve its treacherous and perfidious ends and disregarding the appeal in your letter of 9 June 1984 to stop bombarding residential areas.

We ask that immediate steps should be taken to verify the facts indicated above, and we reaffirm our sincere concern that the agreement should be implemented and that the agencies of the United Nations should carry out their obligation to implement the agreement properly, in order that Iran may not use it as a cover for its aggressive and expansionist intentions.

(Signed) Tariq AZIZ
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq
