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LETTER DATED 12 MARCH 1985 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to bring to your attention that as previously announced and reported to Your Excellency, the military forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in compliance with your appeal of 9 March 1985 (S/17018) were instructed to stop all military operations against Iraqi civilian targets as of 23:59 hours GMT of Monday, 11 March 1985. However, the Iraqi forces, not surprisingly, acted in contravention of Your Excellency's said appeal and continued with their attacks against our civilians.

Since 12.00 p.m. today, Iraqi forces have bombarded Marivan and Piranshahr while Ghassemabad, Bostan and Hamadan were subjected to aerial attacks. Sixteen people were killed and injured in Bostan and some damage was reported in Ghassemabad. Statistics on casualties and damages in Marivan and Piranshahr have not yet been received. Under these circumstances, the Islamic Republic of Iran has no choice but to retaliate in kind.

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

(Signed) Said RAJAIE-KHORASSANI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative