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LETTER DATED 10 JUNE 1985 FROM THE 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 the following to your attention.

The Iraqi régime has once again proved its contempt not only for the revered rules of international humanitarian law, but also for the Iraqi people whose cause and interests it is supposed to advance. The Iraqi Army of Aggression bombarded on 9 June 1985 the Ziveh refugee camp in the Western Azarbaijan Province, which houses a group of Iraqi Kurdish refugees, killing 142 people, including 79 children, and wounding 300 others. To examine this latest evidence of Iraqi total disregard for the sanctity of human life, the United Nations team, stationed in Teheran, has been asked to visit the site. We request that Your Excellency issue the necessary clearance for the team to visit the site.

The Islamic Republic of Iran once again calls upon the international community and the United Nations in particular to stop the irresponsible silent posture vis-à-vis the atrocious crimes being committed against the innocent civilians of Iran and Iraq by the Iraqi rulers. It should be evident to all quarters, whose continuous support for the Iraqi régime has made this criminal behaviour possible, that a régime with such contempt for the lives of its own citizens neither is worthy of support nor can it be regarded as a reliable ally.

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

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Permanent Representative