



In the Name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

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Excellency,

I am writing to bring to your attention the most recent war crimes and crimes against humanity committed against innocent civilians, including children, in the Islamic Republic of Iran by the United States and the Israeli regime, in flagrant violation of well-established principles and rules of international law, international humanitarian law, as well as international human rights law.

Since the commencement of the latest unprovoked and unjustified acts of aggression by the United States and the Israeli regime against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran on 28 February 2026, military attacks have been directed against civilian objects, including schools, hospitals, and relief equipment and personnel, leading to the martyrdom of dozens of innocent civilians, including women and children, with many more injured. These constitute clear instances of war crimes and crimes against humanity, and urgent action by the United Nations is required to bring such acts to an immediate end and to hold the perpetrators accountable.

On the first day of the aggression, the deliberate and wanton destruction of a primary school in Minab, a small town in Hormozgan Province, led to the martyrdom of over 170 innocent schoolgirls, whose bodies were sorrowfully recovered from the rubble after hours of relief operations. It further resulted in the serious injury of many individuals, some of whom remain at risk of permanent disability.

Similar attacks on the same day led to the martyrdom of several students in other cities, including eastern Tehran and Abyek, in Qazvin Province, constituting part of a broader pattern of attacks against the civilian population. These attacks also claimed the lives of children when an Israeli strike targeted a sports hall in Lamerd, Fars Province, where dozens of teenage girls were attending training sessions at the time.

On 2 March 2026, missiles were launched against a densely populated residential area in Sanandaj, Kurdistan Province, in western Iran; the exact number of martyrs and other casualties resulting from the said attacks remains under assessment.

Such savage attacks were carried out in flagrant disregard of the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, in particular Articles 6 and 38 thereof, which recognise the inherent right of the child to life and require respect for the rules of international humanitarian law applicable to children in armed conflict. Any silence on the part of United Nations mechanisms risks establishing a dangerous precedent of impunity for the deliberate targeting of children and other civilians and contributes to the perpetuation of a cycle of violations of the rights of the child.



In view of the relentless crimes committed in the course of the barbaric act of aggression by the United States and the Israeli regime, which have arbitrarily deprived civilians of their lives and caused widespread injury in flagrant violation of international law, the Islamic Republic of Iran solemnly calls upon Your Excellency to condemn these heinous attacks in the strongest possible terms and to duly reflect the aforementioned killing of Iranian children in the forthcoming reports of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly and the Human Rights Council, submitted pursuant to your mandate.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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