



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

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Excellency,

Upon instructions from my Government, and further to our previous letters dated 28 February, 1, 2, 3, and 4 March 2026 concerning the premeditated, unprovoked, and unjustified aggression of the United States and the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran, I write to bring to the attention of Your Excellency and the members of the Security Council the continued and relentless military aggression carried out by the United States and the Israeli regime against my country, which targets civilians and civilian objects.

Earlier today, among others, the aggressors continued their deliberate attacks on sports facilities. In today's strikes, the 12,000-seat Azadi Stadium in Tehran was deliberately targeted. As a result of this strike, large sections of the Azadi Sports Complex and several surrounding facilities were completely destroyed. In a separate attack, the Besat Sports Complex in Tehran—an entirely civilian recreational facility—was also deliberately targeted. The complex includes a swimming pool, a multi-purpose sports hall used for shooting practice and bodybuilding, an athletes' dormitory, a veterans' hall, and a motorcycle racing track. The attack caused significant destruction across the complex.

Furthermore, the National Judo Team Training Camp sustained serious damage as a result of these strikes. Additional missile attacks targeted three sports and recreational complexes belonging to the Tehran Municipality in the southern part of the city. Among the facilities struck were the Azadegan Water Park, located south of the Azadegan Highway; the Shahidan Esmaeili Sports Stadium in District 18; and the Shahid Eskandarloo Sports Hall in District 15 of Tehran. In the same wave of attacks, the main building of the Municipality of District 18 was also struck. These attacks caused significant damage to these civilian recreational and training facilities.

On the same day, a missile struck a sports hall in the city of Lamerd in Fars Province. At the time of the attack, a group of female volleyball players was conducting a training session inside the facility. The strike resulted in the martyrdom of more than 18 female athletes and left approximately 100 others injured. These brutal and indiscriminate attacks against sports facilities have also been carried out across several Iranian cities and have resulted in the martyrdom of numerous Iranian



athletes, including internationally recognised competitors and world medalists in disciplines such as wrestling, judo, and taekwondo.

Sports facilities and public recreational centres are civilian objects protected under international humanitarian law, and their deliberate targeting and destruction further demonstrate the systematic nature of these unlawful and criminal attacks and constitute a war crime.

Excellency,

I wish to underscore that today marks the sixth consecutive day of large-scale and indiscriminate attacks in the ongoing war of aggression carried out since 28 February 2026 by the United States and the Israeli regime against cities across the Islamic Republic of Iran. Throughout this criminal war against my country, the aggressors have deliberately targeted densely populated civilian areas and vital civilian infrastructure. These acts constitute a manifest violation of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Article 2(4), which prohibits the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State.

According to the latest report of the Iranian Red Crescent Society, as a result of these brutal and barbaric attacks, 1,332 innocent civilians—including women and children—have so far lost their lives, while the number of fatalities and injuries continues to rise as the attacks persist relentlessly. Critical civilian infrastructure, including airports, schools, educational institutions, residential areas, sports facilities, and other public infrastructure, has been deliberately targeted, destroyed, or severely damaged.

As noted in our previous correspondence, on the first day of the aggression, a girls' elementary school in Minab, a small town in Hormozgan Province in southern Iran, was deliberately struck and destroyed. As a result of this criminal attack, more than 170 innocent schoolgirls lost their lives, and their bodies were recovered from the rubble after hours of rescue operations. On the same day, similar attacks killed several students in other cities, including eastern Tehran and Abyek in Qazvin Province. On the third day of the aggression, further strikes deliberately targeted health-care and humanitarian facilities, including Motahhari, Gandi, and Khatam hospitals in Tehran; Abouzar Hospital in Ahvaz; buildings belonging to the Iranian Red Crescent Society; as well as three emergency response checkpoints in Sarab, Chabahar, and Hamedan, in addition to residential buildings in northern Tehran.



The deliberate targeting of civilian populations and civilian objects constitutes a grave breach of international humanitarian law, including the Geneva Conventions of 1949, and represents a serious violation of the fundamental principles of distinction, proportionality, and precaution under customary international law. The systematic and intentional attacks against civilian infrastructure and other non-military facilities amount to war crimes, for which those responsible must be held individually and internationally accountable.

Yesterday, 4 March, the United States shamefully perpetrated another unlawful and dangerous act of aggression at sea, nearly 2,000 miles away from Iran's shores. The Iranian frigate Dena, which was visiting as a guest of the Indian Navy and carrying nearly 130 sailors, was struck in international waters without warning, resulting in the martyrdom of 100 Iranian sailors. This reckless attack against a naval vessel outside any zone of hostilities constitutes a violation of the fundamental rules governing the use of force, the law of the sea, and the freedom of navigation under international law.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, once again, strongly condemns in the strongest possible terms these barbaric and unlawful acts of aggression. In this regard, the Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates its call upon the Secretary-General and those responsible members of the Security Council to live up to their responsibility under the Charter of the United Nations and:

1. Condemn the ongoing acts of aggression and barbaric attacks perpetrated by the United States and the Israeli regime against the Islamic Republic of Iran, in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the fundamental principles of international law;

2. Demand that the United States and the Israeli regime immediately cease all acts of military aggression against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and put an end to deliberate and indiscriminate attacks against civilians and civilian objects, in egregious violation of international humanitarian law, and comply fully with their obligations under international law; and

3. Ensure accountability for the grave violations of international humanitarian law and war crimes, crimes against humanity committed and being committed by the United States and the Israeli regime against the Iranian civilian population and infrastructure.

The Islamic Republic of Iran continues to exercise its inherent and legitimate right of self-defence under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations in response to these acts of aggression,



until such aggression ceases, and in this regard will undertake all necessary measures to safeguard its sovereignty, territorial integrity, people, and vital national interests.

The Islamic Republic of Iran further calls upon all Member States of the United Nations that bear responsibility for international peace and security to unequivocally condemn this act of aggression and to take urgent, collective measures to bring an end to the bloodshed and war against the people of Iran, as it undoubtedly poses an unprecedented threat to regional and international peace and security.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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

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