



In the name of God, the most Compassionate, the most Merciful

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Excellency,

On instructions from my Government, I am writing to bring to your attention and to strongly condemn the deliberate and brutal bombardment of the Iranian Red Crescent's humanitarian aid depot by the Israeli occupying regime on the night of 9 October 2024. This facility, which was located on the Syrian-Lebanese border, held essential humanitarian supplies, including 200 hospital beds, a fully equipped field hospital with 56 beds and advanced medical equipment, oxygen production units, critical medical items, two mobile bakery machines, food and drinking water, 5,000 food packages, and other vital shelter materials. This heinous attack on humanitarian aid is a flagrant violation of international law and an egregious attack on life-saving relief efforts. The humanitarian facility was established by the Iranian Red Crescent solely to provide critical assistance to displaced Lebanese civilians and victims of the Israeli regime's relentless and barbaric aggression, offering a vital lifeline to those suffering in the face of such atrocities. The Red Crescent of the Islamic Republic of Iran had formally informed the International Committee of the Red Cross of its intention to establish this humanitarian aid center. Yet, despite its clear humanitarian purpose, the facility and its supplies were completely destroyed in this savage and terrorist attack.

The deliberate targeting of humanitarian and medical facilities by the Israeli regime is a blatant violation of international humanitarian law and constitutes an undeniable war crime. Under international law, any attack on civilian infrastructure, particularly humanitarian and medical facilities, equipment, and hospitals, is unequivocally prohibited. These centers and their equipment are afforded absolute protection without exception and must be respected and safeguarded at all times. Any breach of this fundamental principle is a grave violation of international law and must not be tolerated under any circumstances.

The Islamic Republic of Iran calls on the Security Council to condemn this heinous crime in the strongest possible terms and to take immediate and decisive action to prevent further violations by the Zionist regime. In light of the ongoing genocidal war and relentless aggression by the Israeli occupying regime against the people of Palestine and Lebanon, the Security Council must fulfill its duty to protect civilians, humanitarian aid workers, and medical facilities. International law must be upheld, and these egregious crimes cannot go unanswered. In this regard, the Security Council must act to ensure accountability and prevent further atrocities.

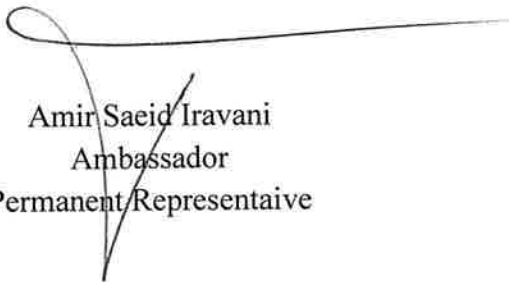


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I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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



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