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The Australian Government condemns and deplors Iraq's missile attack on Israel.

The attack is entirely unprovoked. It confirms that Iraq's regime is not interested in limiting and shortening this tragic war, but in widening it.

We are particularly concerned that the nature of the attack indicates a deliberate Iraqi policy to attack civilian targets of no strategic significance.

Our thoughts go to all civilians throughout the Middle East caught up in this terrible conflict.

We call on Saddam Hussein to avoid catastrophe for his nation by ceasing attacks on Israel, and immediately complying with UN demands to withdraw from Kuwait.

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