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LETTER DATED 24 MAY 1984 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ
TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention and that of the international community to the fact that, on 15 March 1984, the Iranian authorities executed 50 members of the Iraqi People's Army who had been taken prisoner in the sector of eastern Basra. The Iranian authorities perpetrated this crime in the Zawirko camp and then buried the bodies in the Shah Abayyid cemetery.

This loathsome crime testifies beyond all doubt to the criminal nature of the bloodthirsty Iranian régime. While we appeal to the humane conscience of the international community to condemn this repugnant crime, which represents a gross violation of the most fundamental human values and the provisions of international humanitarian law, it is the duty of the United Nations to take all effective measures to put an end to the crimes which the Iranian authorities are committing against the Iraqi prisoners-of-war and to compel the scrupulous fulfilment by Iran of its international obligations.

I request you to have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Riyadh M. S. AL-QAYSI
Permanent Representative
