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LETTER DATED 12 FEBRUARY 1986 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

At 10 a.m. this day, 12 February 1986, as predicted in my letter of 4 February 1986 (S/17790), the coward Iraqi régime resorted to massive chemical attacks by air against the forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the southern fronts.

According to our experts' findings, nerve, mustard and blood agents have been used.

As a result of this Iraqi inhumane action and gross violation of the 1925 Geneva Protocol, 10 people are known to have been martyred while 700 to 800 others have been injured and are hospitalized in different hospitals in Khuzistan at this hour. There are about 300 to 400 injured who are in traumatic situations.

Upon instructions from my Government and in accordance with the constitutional responsibilities of the United Nations, I have the honour to request that the United Nations chemical expert team be dispatched to the area immediately in order to investigate the Iraqi flagrant violation of the rules of international law.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Said RAJAIE-KHORASSANI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative
