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LETTER DATED 10 SEPTEMBER 1986 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government and pursuant to our letter of 5 September 1986 (document S/18322), I have the honour to inform you that the Iraqi régime resorted once again to chemical weapons in its imposed war of aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

On Monday, 8 September 1986, the operation areas of Sheih Salah, Javanrood and Bamoo Heights were targets of chemical attacks by the criminal régime in Iraq. Further details on the specifics of the attack as well as the number of casualties will be submitted in due course.

The resumption of Iraqi policy of resorting to chemical warfare - as evidenced by their employment twice in a three-day period - clearly illustrates that perceived military necessities and sheer opportunism have guided Iraqi actions, even though their desperate diplomatic gestures may suggest otherwise. Such an approach to international law and international organizations has allowed the Iraqi rulers to pursue a policy of violating the most commonly accepted norms of international humanitarian law, and to ignore repeated appeals made by the international community calling for cessation of its criminal use of chemical weapons. It is therefore necessary that effective and immediate action be taken on the part of the United Nations to condemn such criminal atrocities, and not to allow the Iraqi rulers to continue their war crimes with impunity.

I should be grateful if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Said RAJAIE-KHORASSANI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

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