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OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to present to you sad tidings from Bonn to the effect that two Muslim combatants, severely injured by Iraqi chemical weapons, who had been undergoing treatment in Elizabeth Hospital in Recklinghausen, West Germany, were martyred on 20 January 1987.

The two, Ismail Khani and Javad Hamneshin were among those who had been sent abroad for treatment. The head of Elizabeth Hospital said that the respiratory systems of the two had been badly affected and their red blood cells totally destroyed by the chemicals.

Another Iranian combatant had also been martyred on 19 January 1987. The three are expected to be transferred to Tehran tomorrow, 23 January 1987.

The Iraqi régime, thanks to the role of certain members of the Security Council who always impede the suppression of violations of the 1925 Geneva Protocol on the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous and Other Gases and therefore encourage Iraq to continue its inhumane crimes, has yet again deployed toxic chemicals against the Iranian forces in the ongoing operations in southern and western war fronts afflicting a number of Iranian troops.

It is incumbent upon the United Nations to take immediate measures to halt such blatant violations of the rules of international law on the part of the régime of Iraq.

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

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