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LETTER DATED 10 APRIL 1987 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 my letter of  
7 April 1987 (S/18788) I have the honour to bring to your attention further  
manifestations of Iraqi total disregard for the universally recognized norms of  
international law governing the conduct of armed hostilities.

Since 7 April 1987 Iraqi war criminals have resorted to chemical warfare in  
the Karbala 8 operation theatre three times injuring more than 13 combatants;  
details are provided in the annex. This indicates a resumption of resort to banned  
chemical warfare on a large scale by the Iraqi régime, which necessitates prompt  
and meaningful action on the part of the pertinent international fora, keeping in  
mind that nothing in international law can justify Iraqi violations of the most  
basic laws of armed conflict accepted by the international community.

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

(Signed) Said RAJAIE-KHORASSANI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

Annex

Details of Iraqi resort to chemical warfare in Karbala 8  
 operation theatre (7-9 April 1987)

Location: Pentagon

Time	Date	Agent	Means of delivery	Casualties
Morning	4/7/87	mustard gas (new compound), blister agent	2 artillery shells	6 wounded

Location: South-east of Fish Canal (Lake)

Time	Date	Agent	Means of delivery	Casualties
Morning	4/8/87	blood agent (fatal)	2 chemical rockets	total of 7 wounded in all attacks
10.00 a.m.	4/8/87	unknown chemical agent	helicopter gunships	
Evening	4/8/87	blood agent	2 chemical rockets	
Evening	4/8/87	blister agent	3 artillery shells 5 rockets	
Morning	4/9/87	mustard gas	artillery shells	

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