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Letter dated 15 May 1987 from the Permanent Representative of  
the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

It is with great pain and sorrow that I enclose herewith a collection of photographs depicting the effect on our innocent children of the much despised evil of chemical weapons as deployed by the criminal Iraqi régime (see annex).

The victims are civilian inhabitants of Alut, a village in the vicinity of Baneh, Kurdistan Province, and were visited by members of the recently dispatched United Nations fact-finding team at Tehran's Lodman Hospital. They have suffered severe blisters and skin lesions as well as respiratory malfunctions. A pregnant mother and her daughter were also martyred as a result of the severe injuries incurred during the chemical bombardment of the village.

It is our heart-felt hope that this visual document of the abhorrent crimes of the Iraqi régime, which without shame persists in its use of chemical weapons, will arouse the dormant conscience of international public opinion and inspire a demand for immediate action to halt the abominable tactics of a desperate, though blood-thirsty régime. Perhaps the pictures of our children, the budding flowers of our society, in such inconceivable pain and distress will awaken the international community to the bitter reality of a cruel régime gone mad in its despair.

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It would be highly appreciated if this letter and its annexed photographs were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 62 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Baneh - 22 April 1987: A number of inhabitants of Alut, a Kurdish-populated village in the vicinity of Baneh, Kurdistan Province, were injured in the recent Iraqi deployment of chemical bombs. Members of a family from this village, who are suffering from blister- and respiratory malfunctioning, were visited by the United Nations fact-finding team, at Tehran's Loqman Hospital. Mrs. Mina Khalili, a pregnant mother, and her daughter Samira Saeed-pour were two members of this family, martyred in the deployment of chemical weapons by the Iraqi régime.

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