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Letter dated 4 April 1988 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission 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 enclose herewith photographs of the latest victims of Iraqi genocide at Halabja (see annex). The enclosure only presents a sample of the heinous crimes committed, whose victims were Iraqi women, children and other innocent civilians.

Witnessing these gruesome samples of the reality of Iraqi war crimes and the true nature of Iraqi criminals, it is impossible even to try to justify the silence and inaction of the United Nations machinery. The residents of the victimized city of Halabja as well as international public opinion will take the United Nations to task for its short-sighted expediency, which has in fact encouraged Iraq to continue this carnage.

The report of the specialist mission dispatched by the Secretary-General to investigate the extent of this latest Iraqi crime should provide the necessary basis for effective and immediate measures to prevent further occurrences of such acts of genocide.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex were circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 63 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador

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**ANNEX**

## **The Chemical Inferno at Halabja**

The following pages will unfold the appalling pictorial illustration on one of the most gruesome crimes of the present century, i.e. the chemical bombardment of the oppressed people of the Iraqi Kurdish town of the Halabja by the Baghdad regime on March 17 and 18, 1988.

In this horrific crime, over 5,000 Kurdish people of Halabja were martyred and more than 7,000 others were chemically affected and are currently under medical care in Iranian as well as some European hospitals.

This is the first time in the history of mankind that a government subjects its own people to chemical bombings on the sole charge of seeking liberation. Even Hitler did not commit such a crime against the people of Europe.

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