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CARTA DE FECHA 23 DE AGOSTO DE 1998 DIRIGIDA AL PRESIDENTE  
DEL CONSEJO DE SEGURIDAD POR EL REPRESENTANTE PERMANENTE  
DEL SUDÁN ANTE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS

Con referencia a mi carta de fecha 22 de agosto de 1998, relativa a los hechos relacionados con la fábrica de productos farmacéuticos "al-Shifa", destruida por misiles de los Estados Unidos de América sobre la base de acusaciones falsas, adjunto una lista de documentos en que consta más información que refuta las acusaciones estadounidenses de que en la fábrica se producían armas químicas. Los documentos son los siguientes:

1. Un comunicado de prensa del Sr. Ghazi Suleiman, abogado y asesor jurídico de la empresa farmacéutica "al-Shifa", en que proporciona antecedentes relacionados con la fundación de la fábrica y su titularidad actual.

2. Un artículo publicado por el periódico árabe internacional "Asharq al-Awsat" el 22 de agosto de 1998 en que el Sr. Khalid Dalbough (de Jordania), ex Director Técnico de la fábrica "al-Shifa", declara que la fábrica mencionada estaba también financiada por el Banco Americano de Desarrollo (traducción literal del árabe).

3. Un artículo de la agencia de noticias France Press (AFP) en que un ingeniero británico que trabajaba en la fábrica "al-Shifa" contradice las afirmaciones de los Estados Unidos.

4. Un artículo de la agencia de noticias France Press (AFP) en que un ingeniero jordano que trabajaba en la fábrica "al-Shifa" niega que esa fábrica pudiera producir gas VX.

Le agradecería que señalara la presente carta y sus anexos a la atención de los miembros del Consejo de Seguridad y que dispusiera su distribución como documentos del Consejo.

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Representante Permanente



Annex I

**Press Statement**

**BY: DR .GHAZI SULEIMAN  
THE LEGAL ADVISOR OF  
AL-SHIFA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY**

***Facts concerning the ownership & activities  
of the factory destructed by the U.S on false allegations.***

***Khartoum-21 August 1998***

## **SHIFA Pharmaceutical Company**

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21 August, 1998

### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Shifa Pharmaceutical Company is situated in Khartoum North Industrial Area, in an area of 21,00 metres and the total cost is approximately 32 Million US Dollars, and 100% private sector owned as it was established by Mr. Beshir Hassan Beshir - a Sudanese business man, with 40% co-operation of Baaboud Marine Enterprises.**

**The Bank of Preferential Trade ( PTA ), Nairobi funded approximately 6 million Dollars. Ownership changed hands to business man Salah A. M. Idris and Ahmed Idris on March 29th 1998.**

**Shifa Pharmaceutical Company is one of the largest manufacturers of medicine in the Middle East and by far the largest in the Sudan. The factory was designed by an American expert named Henry Jobe, employed by M.S.D. Pharmaceutical Company , and who has the expertise in this field for over thirty years.**

**The Company consists of three factories for human medicine and one for veterinary medicine. There are more than seven production lines for manufacturing different medications. The modern machines were imported from Sweden, U.S.A., Italy, Switzerland, Germany, India and Thailand.**

**The Goal of the Company is to provide reasonably priced drugs and medications that are of use to the public. The Company has actually produced human and veterinary drugs and has marketed in the different pharmacies 30 different human medications and 10 veterinary drugs that cover 90% of the animal diseases.**

**Samples of these drugs include, children medicines, anti biotic, malaria treatment, hyper tension, diabetes, ulcer, tuberculosis, rheumatism, .... just as one example, the TB drug is produced solely by Shifa Co. in the Sudan and is sold at the low cost of 66,000 Pounds Sudanese, while other brands cost around 200,000 Sudanese Pounds.**

**The Company's production is 60% of the local market and 40% for export which has actually being started to the Yemen, Chad, and Nigeria; and lately To Iraq, with agreement of the United Nation ( oil for food and drugs ).**

**The Company was visited by many Important personalities and Dignitaries , to name but some:-**

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President of the Niger and his Health Minister;  
Foreign Affairs Minister of Burkina Faso;  
Foreign Affairs, Kenya  
President of Bank of Preferential Trade PTA., Nairobi;  
Director World Health Program ( East Mediterranean Region ), Dr. Hussein Al  
Gazairi;  
Health Minister, Burkina Faso;  
Ex Health Minister, The Yemen;  
Ex British Ambassador to the Sudan;  
The German Ambassador;  
Chadian Medical Supplies Director  
Arab Doctors Conference Delegates;  
Arab Vets Conference Delegates;  
Over Two thousand Sudanese Pharmacists, Physicians and General Practitioners  
All Vets in Khartoum Province  
Shepherd's Union

The Company has always been open to visitors including school children.

Shifa Pharmaceutical Company was totally destroyed.....several staff were wounded  
and one died as a result of his wounds.

1. The buildings and machinery cost 32 Million US Dollars;
2. Raw material at the cost of over 5 Million Dollars;
3. Ready medicines at over 2 Million Dollars cost;
3. Empty containers and bottles plus new machinery ( specially for skin products ) at  
the cost of 3 Million Dollars;
4. Some Raw material at Khartoum Airport, imported from Egypt;
5. 306 staff are left redundant with a dependency of 3000 person.

One can see what has remained now after this devastating destruction.

THEREFORE

We request an International Committee of experts for investigation and fact  
finding mission to clarify all the false allegations and ask for the compensation for  
the total loss of the factory.

Thank You

Dr Ghazi Suleiman

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## Annex II

مجلة الشرق الأوسط . السبت ١٢ أغسطس ١٩٩٨

المدير الفني السابق للمصنع يطالب واشنطن بدفع تعويضات عن الخسائر التي ألحقت به

## بنك التنمية الأميركي ساهم في تمويل وتجهيز «مصنع الشفاء» بالخرطوم

عمان - الشرق الأوسط

المصنع للاطمئنان على حسن أدائه لضمان قيمة قرضهم. وتابع القول «كما أن مدير البنك الإفريقي كان يزور المصنع كل شهرين أو ثلاثة أشهر».

وأوضح أبو دلبوح «أن هناك سجلات موثقة لكل آلة أو ماكينة في المصنع توضح مقدار ونوع أي إنتاج في المصنع الذي كان يعمل وفق أحدث الطرق في ظل مراقبة إلكترونية بواسطة كومبيوترات حديثة أميركية وسويسرية وغيرها. كما أن كبار الزوار يترددون على المصنع الذي يعتبر مثاليا في أدائه ونوعية الماكينات المستخدمة في إنتاجه».

وقال أبو دلبوح الذي عمل في صناعة الأدوية في الأردن (أدوية الحكمة) لمدة 19 عاما والآن مدير مصنع أدوية الجزيرة السعودي، أنه تعاقد مع مسؤولين في إدارة المصنع السوداني وهما بشير حسن ومحمد عبدة للأعداد للمصنع من يناير (كانون الثاني) 1995 وحتى نوفمبر (تشرين الثاني) 1997. حيث انتقلت ملكية المصنع مطلع العام الجاري إلى رجل الأعمال صلاح النريس. وأضاف أبو دلبوح أنه عايش المصنع منذ الخطوات الأولى أي منذ وضع أعمدة الأساس وغادره بعد تشغيله بسبعة أشهر وساهم في شراء جميع مكيناته ومعداته، مؤكدا أن مكونات المصنع هي لتصنيع الأدوية والبنسلين والمعدّات والأدوية البيطرية للحيوّانات وهو منفصل عن المصانع للأدوية البشرية. وينتج المصنع أيضا البوبرات والعبوات والسوائل الدوائية والكبسولات والحبوب.

طالب المدير الفني السابق للمصنع الشفاء السوداني الولايات المتحدة بدفع مبلغ 120 مليون دولار تعويضا عن الخسائر التي ألحقتها به الصواريخ الأميركية.

وقد المدير الفني للمصنع خالد أبو دلبوح الأردني الجنسية ما اسماء مبالغات والافتراءات المستندة إلى معلومات غير دقيقة ومضللة روجتها واشنطن لتخريب عداوتها الخالدة على مؤسسة لإنتاج الدواء البشري والأدوية البيطرية.

وقال أبو دلبوح في تصريحات صحافية في عمان إن هناك معدات وأجهزة أميركية في المصنع الذي تزعم أميركا أنه مصنع للكيمائيات، ومن بينها أجهزة فحص المواد وأجهزة للتحكم بالكومبيوتر أميركية وسويسرية الصنع إضافة إلى جهاز أميركي لتوليد البخار ووحدة معالجة المياه من شركة برونز الأميركية.

وأضاف أبو دلبوح موهناك معدات وأجهزة ومختبرات بريطانية وسويسرية وإيطالية وسويدية وتايلاندية وبنمالية وأميركية الصنع يمكن الرجوع إليها للتحقق من الأجهزة وخواصها وما تنتجها.

وأكد أبو دلبوح «أن بنك التنمية الأميركي ساهم في شراء مواد خام أولية لإنتاج المصنع بكلفة خمسة ملايين دولار. ولذا هناك ممثلين دائمين للبنك يراقبون كل حركة صغيرة كانت أو كبيرة في المصنع ويدأومون في

**Unofficial Translation**

Aman, 22 August 1998, ASHARQ AL-AWSAT

*Former Technical Director of the Factory demands compensation from Washington for losses it inflicted upon the factory.*

**American Development Bank contributed to the financing and establishment of al-Shifa Factory in Khartoum.**

Former Technical Director of Sudanese al-Shifa Factory demanded that USA pay \$120,000,000.00 (One Hundred and Twenty Million US Dollars) as compensation for the losses caused by the American missiles attack. The Technical Director, Mr. Khalid Abu Dalboun, (a Jordanian national) refuted the allegation which lack precise information and deceiving at the same time propagated by Washington to justify its unjust aggression against a pharmaceutical corporation which produce human and veterinary medicine.

Abu Dalboun added in a press statement in Aman that the factory which America alleged that it produces chemical precursor contains 6 Swiss and American computers control equipment in addition to an American machine for generation of vapor and a unit for water processing manufactured by the American company (Bronze).

Abu Dalboun added that the factory contains equipment, machinery and laboratories manufactured in Britain, Switzerland, Italy, Sweden, Thailand, Denmark and USA and that the manufacturers could be contacted to verify the nature of the equipment and what they produce. He also confirmed that the American Development Bank contributed with \$5,000,000.00 (Five Million USA Dollars), for the purchase of raw materials for the factory's production, the Bank has permanent representatives inside the factory to supervise every activity, be it small or large, so as to be assured of its efficient performance as a guarantee regarding its loan.

Dalboun added that there is a record for every machine in the factory which explains the quality and quantity of the factory, which was using advanced technology i.e. modern American and Swiss computers and other advanced machinery. Distinguished dignitaries use to visit the

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factory which is considered as a model as regards the quality of its machinery and performance. Abu Dalbough, who works in the manufacturing of medicine industry for 19 years (Adwiat al-Hikma), currently in charge of the administration of the Gezira pharmaceutical factory in Saudi Arabia, said that he was following the development of the al-Shifa factory since its inception and left it 7 months after it started operation, he participated in purchasing all its machinery and equipment explaining that the factory components are for the production of penicillin and antibiotics and veterinary medicine.

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Annex III

## **British engineer who worked at Sudan factory disputes US claim**

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[ Latest News From Sudan At Sudan.Net ]

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News Article by AFP on August 22, 1998 at 14:03:50:

### **British engineer who worked at Sudan factory disputes US claim**

**LONDON, Aug 22 (AFP)** - A British engineer who helped build and equip the factory in Sudan destroyed by a US missile strike earlier this week said Saturday it could not have been used to manufacture chemical weapons.

Tom Carnaffin of Hexham, northern England, said he worked for four years as a technical manager for the family who owns the pharmaceutical plant.

"I have intimate knowledge of that factory and it just does not lend itself to the manufacture of chemical weapons," he said.

He also said he doubted the US claim that the factory was manufacturing chemical-warfare related material in the veterinary part of the factory.

"I have intimate knowledge of that part of the establishment and unless there have been some radical changes in the last few months it just isn't equipped to cope with the demands of chemical weapon manufacturing.

"You need things like airlocks but this factory just has doors leading out onto the street," he said.

Carnaffin said he worked in Khartoum at the al-Shifa medicine factory between 1992 and 1996 and since then has worked closely with its owners, the Baaboud family, and has been in contact with them two or three times a week.

He also said that the factory was in the process of being sold to a Saudi national.

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Annex IV

# Engineers deny Sudan factory could have produced VX gas

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[ Latest News From Sudan At Sudan.Net ]

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News Article by AFP on August 22, 1998 at 14:05:18:

## Engineers deny Sudan factory could have produced VX gas

**AMMAN, Aug 22 (AFP)** - The pharmaceutical complex of Al-Shifa, destroyed Thursday in a US cruise missile strike, could not have produced chemical weapons as Washington claims, engineers who oversaw the plant's production said Saturday.

"The factory was designed to produce medicine and it would be impossible to convert it to make anything else," the Jordanian engineer Mohammed Abul Waheed told reporters at a press conference organised by the Sudanese embassy in Amman.

Another Jordanian engineer who worked at the plant denied the factory had any links with Osama bin Laden, whom the US has blamed for the twin August 7 bombings at US embassies in Nairobi and Dar-es-Salaam that left 257 dead.

"Osama bin Laden has no relation to this matter, whether financial, organisational, administrative or anything," said Ahmed Salem.

A third colleague, Abu Dalbough, said the factory produced antibiotics for humans and animals and had no facilities to produce VX gas, as the United States has alleged.

"I think this is very, very impossible," Dalbough said. "We don't have any (production) line to produce that gas."

The three Jordanians said they had overseen construction and the first three months production of the Al-Shifa pharmaceutical plant which opened in July 1997.

Al-Shifa was a complex of three factories in an industrial area surrounded by residential districts in Khartoum North.

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