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LETTER DATED 25 MAY 1988 FROM THE ACTING 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 No. 283 dated 19 May 1988 (S/19892) concerning the deployment of chemical weapons by the Iraqi régime against Iranian villages on 17 and 18 May 1988, I have the honour to bring the following further information to your attention.

On 17 May 1988, the villages of Zili, Chooman, Gelasodeh, Malteh and Givehrood in the vicinity of the city of Baneh were chemically bombarded. In these attacks mustard gas was used and there were 260 casualties.

On the same day, the villages of Marzanabad and Binoosh in the West Azarbaijan were also chemically bombarded; cyanide and mustard gases were used and 5 were martyred while 100 were injured.

On 18 May 1988, the bombardment of the village of Ney resulted in the martyrdom of 12 civilians and injury to 150. Twelve mustard bombs and 11 cyanide were deployed in this attack.

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

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Ambassador  
Acting Permanent Representative