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BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ

Letter dated 19 February 1985 from the Permanent Representative of  
Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to invite your attention to the fact that it has been more than three weeks since the Islamic Republic of Iran, in conformity with the exalted principles of Islam regarding the treatment of prisoners of war, officially announced its readiness to unilaterally and immediately free 31 Iraqi handicapped POWs with a third country acting as intermediary.

The Iraqi régime, however, has not so far announced its willingness to accept its own POWs.

In view of the extremely important and humanitarian issue concerned, Your Excellency is kindly requested to take every measure necessary and available to the good offices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to ensure the placement of the freed Iraqi POWs in Iraq among their families.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 44, and as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Said RAJAIE-KHORASSANI  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

