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LETTER DATED 9 APRIL 1985 FROM THE 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 note No. 153 of 8 April 1985, I have the honour to bring the following details to your attention.

At 1720 hours of Monday, 8 April 1985 the Iraqi régime resorted, once again, to chemical warfare in Badr operation region as well as Gofair and Talayeh areas using mustard and nerve gases through aerial bombardment and artillery shelling. As a result of this latest criminal act of the Iraqi régime, 15 people have been martyred and 200 others wounded. The Islamic Republic of Iran hereby extends an invitation to Your Excellency to return to Tehran for further consultation on this issue and in order to visit the latest victims of chemical weapons. We also request the immediate dispatch of an expert team to the area in order to examine the evidence of this latest use of chemical weapons by the Iraqi régime. We reiterate our call upon the international community and the Security Council in particular to condemn these savage crimes which are taking place even during the visit of the Secretary-General to Baghdad, proving the total lack of respect on the Iraqi side for the office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations as well as their total disregard for international humanitarian law. It is evident that the continued silence of the Security Council on this issue will further undermine its legitimacy with regard to the Iraqi imposed war.

It will be highly appreciated if this note is circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Said RAJAIE-KHORASSANI
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
