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LETTER DATED 15 JANUARY 1990 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO  
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to draw your attention and that of the international community to the mitigating efforts of the Islamic Republic of Iran that have quietly been practised since the inception of the imposed war on 22 September 1980. These quiet efforts should be seen against the recent propaganda campaign coming out of Baghdad. The Islamic Republic of Iran, inspired by divine rules and in accordance with provisions of the Third Geneva Convention relative to Treatment of Prisoners of War, of 12 August 1949, 1/ has taken different measures to mitigate the sufferings and agony of those affected.

In this connection, the Islamic Republic of Iran has arranged monthly family visits for prisoners-of-war (POWs). Since October 1984 up to date 27,800 families have visited 9,900 Iraqi POWs.

The Islamic Republic of Iran has also unilaterally released 1,456 sick and wounded Iraqi POWs, as well as 49 non-Iraqi captives up to date. The following charts provides the exact number and date of each release as well as the date, number and nationality for non-Iraqi captives.

Sick and wounded Iraqi POWs unilaterally released

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>
1.	16/6/81	17
2.	25/8/81	45
3.	20/4/83	32
4.	25/10/84	73
5.	2/3/85	27
6.	29/4/85	48
7.	15/7/85	55
8.	2/10/85	110
9.	15/12/85	97
10.	16/3/87	102
11.	1/10/87	102
12.	17/3/88	29
13.	12/9/88	72
14.	30/10/88	25
15.	24/11/88	63
16.	26/11/88	61
17.	27/11/88	59
18.	22, 23 and 24/2/89	260
19.	10/4/89	70
20.	24/5/89	59
21.	28/12/89	50 g/
	<u>Total</u>	<u>1 456</u>

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Note: From among the sick and wounded who were released, about 100 of them sought asylum in the Islamic Republic of Iran in the presence of the ICRC representative.

g/ The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is now examining all the 50 sick and wounded Iraqi POWs and subsequently they will be repatriated by the end of this week.

Released non-Iraqi captives

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Country of nationality</u>
1.	9/12/86	8	Lebanon
2.	20/12/86	15	Sudan
3.	14/9/88	16	Egypt
4.	21/8/89	6	Somalia
5.	5/12/89	4	Lebanon
	Total	<u>49</u>	

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

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Notes

1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, No. 972.

