

# IRAQI KURDISTAN FRONT

## AN APPEAL BY THE IRAQI KURDISTAN FRONT

Mr. Perez de Cuillar, Secretary General of the United Nations.  
Respectable delegates of the Paris Conference of Chemical Warfare.

Dear Sirs,

The IKF, on behalf of the innocent Kurdish victims of chemical warfare in Iraqi Kurdistan, welcomes the Paris conferences' attempt to stop the proliferation of chemical weapons. We are, however, disappointed that the Kurdish people who have suffered so much from Iraq's deployment of these terrifying weapons have no representative at the conference.

We would like to emphasize our conviction that, unless punitive measures are taken against governments guilty of using poisonous gases, very little can come out of the Paris initiative. It is imperative that any future international convention banning these weapons should contain provisions to prevent their use by governments against their own people. Safeguard against further deployment of chemical weapons must be firmly upheld by the international community and not ignored, as has been the case in Iraqi Kurdistan.

We feel that we are already witnessing a world-wide proliferation of chemical weapons because of the failure to punish countries guilty of using them, notably Iraq. We are also deeply concerned by Iraq's development and deployment of other prohibited weapons. We have evidence that the Iraqi regime has used biological warfare agents against Kurdish civilians on a number of occasions.

Outbreak of virulent water-born diseases resembling Typhoid has been deliberately caused by biological "bombs" in Kurdish areas. We have established the location of one plant producing these weapons in Salman Pak, east of Baghdad. Our people have been decimated by chemicals. If the world community continues to overlook the deployment of these atrocious weapons, the fate of the entire human race could be at stake.

We appeal to you to consider this in your deliberations. The survival of our children depends on you.

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N.B.- The Front is an alliance of six Iraqi Kurdish parties and was formed in May 1988. Its members are the K.D.P., P.U.K., K.S.P., K.P.D..P., I.C.P.-(Kurdistan region), and (.P.A.S.O.K.).