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Letter dated 8 September from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the  
Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the statement of the Bakhtar Information Agency.

I have further the honour to request the circulation of this statement as a document of the General Assembly, under items 61, 70, 71, 127, 132 and 136 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. Ebrahim NENGRAHARY  
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ANNEX

Statement of the Bakhtar Information Agency

As a result of the victorious operations of the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan against the counter-revolutionaries in the Wardak, Kabul and Logar provinces, a large quantity of arms and ammunition made by the United States, the United Kingdom, France and the Federal Republic of Germany, including missiles and missile launchers, hand grenades, bullets and gas masks, have been confiscated. It is worth noting that a large number of chemical weapons also can be seen among the captured arms and ammunition during the years of the undeclared war launched by the imperialistic powers against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. This is the first time that such a huge quantity of chemical weapons has been confiscated.

The enemies of the people of Afghanistan and their associates overseas who have used these deadly weapons against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the innocent people of Afghanistan have been exposed time and again.

In 1984, the bandits who came under the siege in Khoqiani district of Nanaarhar province, bordering Pakistan, used chemical weapons against the forces of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. Many Afghan soldiers who were afflicted by toxic agents were admitted to the hospital.

In the hideouts of the Kaiwan counter-revolutionary band in Khost Division, poisonous tablets used for poisoning water and food were discovered.

The poisoning of drinking water by counter-revolutionary bandits in Kabul girls' school, as a result of which 100 girls were poisoned and 14 of them died, is still in the memory of the people,

According to the disclosures made by a number of former bandits who have voluntarily joined the side of the State of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, the member countries of NATO are sending large quantities of chemical weapons, mines and hand grenades to Peshawar in Pakistan.

The espionage circles of Western countries, who are backing the Afghan counter-revolution, have prepared a broad plan for the extensive use of chemical weapons not only against the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, but against its innocent people as well.

It needs to be mentioned that while the United Nations and other international organizations speak of the banning and elimination of chemical weapons as an important and vital issue of humanity, the Western countries, including Britain, arm the enemies of our country and people with these armaments.

It is surprising that Britain, which had to fight against the use of chemical weapons by fascist Germany during the Second World War, considers the use of its chemical weapons against the people of Afghanistan as totally legal.

The organizers of the undeclared war against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan are using these deadly weapons against our people with the devilish aim of attributing this to the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the limited military contingent of the Soviet Union.

It is for this purpose that the bandits are directed to send the results of the use of chemical weapons against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan to Pakistan, so that it may be used in their propaganda campaigns and to further add fuel to the anti-Afghan and anti-Soviet hysteria.

Letters sent by the ringleaders of the Afghan counter-revolutionaries to their agents inside Afghanistan and confiscated by the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan are the best evidences of this fact.

The convening of tribunals in Western countries for concealing and forcing realities also points to the same fact.

The people and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan severely condemn these new brutalities of the Afghan counter-revolutionaries and their supporters and resolutely declare that the instigators of the undeclared war against independent Afghanistan are doomed to shameful defeat and will reap the evil fruits of what they are sowing.