



Azerbaijan National Resistance Organization

Tabriz - South Azerbaijan

Open letter to OPCW about the series of poisonings in girls' schools in the Islamic Republic of Iran

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Dear Mr. Arias

The series of poisonings in girls' schools in the Islamic Republic of Iran over the past three months by gaseous chemicals, as well as the lack of transparency on the part of the authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran, prompted us to write this letter and ask you to follow up on the nature of the chemicals.

According to videos and reports published by students, school officials, parents and some hospital staff during the last three months, many students in girls' schools in various cities of South Azerbaijan such as Tabriz, Ardabil, Urmia, Zanjan, Meshkinshahr and cities Others such as Tehran, Qom, Isfahan, Kermanshah, Yazd, Lahijan and Rasht have been poisoned in a similar way and this trend continues in all parts of Iran. The release of the smell of food or a rotten substance in the school environment, followed by a burning sensation in the throat, shortness of breath, dizziness, headache, and muscle weakness is the common story of all these chain poisonings.

Unfortunately, despite the passage of at least three months since the beginning of these serial poisonings, the authorities of the Islamic Republic have not clarified anything about the nature of the chemical substance but have also prevented the publication of the results of the tests conducted by hospital laboratory specialists. This has increased the concern of families and society about the health status of female students. Some reports talk about continuous muscle problems in students to the extent that it has taken away the possibility of walking from them.

Considering the Islamic Republic of Iran's membership in the International Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, we request you to hold the authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran accountable for the nature of the chemicals used in the serial poisoning of girls' schools. Naturally, if the experts of your organization directly have the possibility of conducting the necessary tests to identify the type and nature of the chemical substances used in these serial attacks, the confidence of the Iranian people in the announced results will be higher.

Sincerely
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Attachments:
-3 videos of student poisoning