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SUBJECT: IRANIAN WAR WOUNDED IN VIENNA

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2. BLOOD AND URINE SAMPLES OF TWO OF THE IRANIANS WERE SENT TO THE INSTITUTE OF TOXICOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GENT (BELGIUM) ANALYSES OF THE SAMPLES SHOWED THAT THEY CONTAINED RESIDUAL AMOUNTS OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES ALLEGEDLY USED BY IRAQ IN THE GULF WAR THE EXPERTS SPECIFICALLY FOUND EVIDENCE OF POISONING BY MUSTARD GAS AND MYCOTOXIN IN A YELLOW RAIN PROFESSOR HENRIKIA OF THE GENT INSTITUTE WAS IN VIENNA FOR AN ON-THE-SPOT CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL DOCTORS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED ONLY BY LOCAL DOCTORS.
3. THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR AUTOPSIES AFTER EARLIER REFUSING THEM AS AGAINST ISLAMIC BELIEFS INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT AN AUTOPSY BE CONDUCTED IF THERE ARE DOUBTS ABOUT THE CAUSE OF DEATH

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3. THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOW [?] GRANTED PERMISSION FOR AUTOPSIES AFTER EARLIER REFUSING THEM AS AGAINST ISLAMIC LAWS. AUSTRIAN LEGISLATION REQUIRES THAT AN AUTOPSY BE PERFORMED WHEN [THERE ARE QUESTIONS] ABOUT THE CAUSE OF DEATH. VON DAMM