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Dear Sir;

Recently, we have been deeply concerned about certain news items and information we have received, which according to, Britain is well involved in back-stage activities against the just revolution of the Kurdish people in Iraq. While it is not our intention to discredit the present British Government, it is more in the interests of the British people that we draw your attention to the following facts:

Firstly, British Governments (both Conservative and Labour) have assured us many times in the past, that under no circumstances, they will interfere in the internal affairs of Iraq. The Prime Minister, Mr. Wilson, however, has made it clear that the British Government will not refrain from selling arms to Iraq, as it was done in the case of South Africa, although the British Government regretted the resumption of war in Kurdistan (Parliamentary Debates 17 th June 1965). This attitude, though not very pleasing to the Kurds, nevertheless constituted a sort of neutral stance by the British Government towards the Kurdish-Iraqi conflict.

But, regrettably, there are signs that the British attitude is changing to the detriment of the Kurdish national movement. According to the Sunday Times of 26th Sept, 1965 (cutting enclosed), Mr. Thomson, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, is taking an active role in the unholy efforts of the Iraqi Regime to suppress the Kurdish Movement. This has been undertaken on the direct request of the present Iraqi P.M., Mr. Al-Bazzaz, The aim of this move is to enlist the support and collaboration of the Turkish and Persian Governments in order to crush the Kurdish National Movement. The article states that the Foreign Office has confirmed this and said that Mr. Thomson had agreed to "make the most earnest endeavours".

The Kurdish students in Europe are deeply concerned and disappointed in this kind of unholy diplomatic activity of a minister of the Crown. Particularly since he occupies an important post in the Socialist Govt. who have proclaimed their support for the right of self-determination for all nations in the World.

The arms embargo to South Africa has been welcomed by all liberal and democratic minded people. Yet now something in reverse happens: a military dictatorship in Iraq is bolstered up by the Socialist Govt. G.B.

It is our earnest hope that these activities by the British Govt. are not implemented and will not be repeated in Future. It is the moral duty of the British Govt. to refrain from causing hardship and pain to the Kurdish Freedom Fighters in Iraq.

Secondly: Mr. Al-Bazzaz, the Iraqi P.M., in his unpublicised visit to the Prime Minister, Mr. Wilson, on 4th Oct, 1965 had asked for more arms. The following is a list of aeroplanes which have been sold to Iraq (Hawker Hunters MK59 & MK69 and Provost Jet TMK52).

<u>No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	H.H.	25-8-64
3	P.	31-8-64
2	H.H.	6-10-64
3	P.	8-10-64
2	H.H.	4-11-64
3	P.	5-11-64
4	H.H.	1-12-64
3	P.	4-1-65
3	P.	6-2-65
2	H.H.	24-2-65
3	P.	22-3-65
2	H.H.	12-4-65
2	=	28-4-65
2	=	13-5-65
1	=	24-6-65

Thirdly: For your further information I am reproducing an article from the French daily "Le Monde" of 24th Sep, 1965 which was based on an article in "Son Hawadis" a Turkish daily:

"Newspapers said referring to information received from Baghdad that the Iraqi Army has begun a germ-war against the partisans headed by Barzani. One thousand fighters have already died from streams poisoned by Iraqi Army specialists.

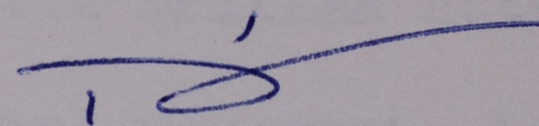
The Turkish daily also claims that hundreds of thousands of mice which have been injected with Plague Virus have been let loose in Kurdish territory. The Iraqi Army hopes in this way to end the Kurdish national resistance rather than conventional war which has lasted for five years".

Finally, We hope that you would do your best to put an end to this unholy affair by exerting pressure on this Government.

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