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The Rt Hon Mr John Major, MP
Prime Minister

Dear Prime Minister,

Encouraged by the British government's expression of humanitarian concern over the relentless assault Russia has unleashed on Chechenia, and in the name of British Muslims who are gravely disturbed by media reports and television pictures of the continuing death and destruction, I appeal to you to give the lead for effective action by the world community to bring to an immediate end this wanton aggression which is claiming an increasing toll of human lives.

Prime Minister, you gave the lead for the defence of the Kurdish people and inspired the United Nations to disregard Iraqi sovereignty and establish safe havens. You also gave the lead in securing the European Union's recognition of the independence of the republic of Croatia from the Yugoslav federation.

The people of Chechenia by standing united behind their elected leader, General Dudayev, are demonstrating their popular will and their determination to defend their declared independence from the Russian Federation. The world community must not remain indifferent to their right to do so. Your urgent intervention to stop the carnage would be a triumph for democratic and human rights and would receive the grateful thanks of all British Muslims and the entire Muslim world.

I wish you a very happy and successful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

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