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Al-Maaqal Poice Station

6-11-2003

To the chief Police officer

A person called Mahmud Zabun who is a lawyer attended our police station to inform us that, his house was raided by the British forces and that they have injured Muhammed Ritha who was a guest in their house at the time, and has asked us to record the information, your decision please.

The Judge

Signature of a police officer

Please ask the above mentioned name to attend to give his witness statement, also visit the location where the incident happened and take a sketch of the place, investigation to be continued when statement is taken from the injured.

Police officer

- 1- Statement to be taken from the above mentioned person accordingly.
- 2- Visit the location where the incident took place and sketch.
- 3- Visit to check the injured at the hospital till the continuation of the investigation.

Signature of the Judge



Al-Maaqal Police Station

6-11-2003

Report

A person called Muhammed Zabun who is a lawyer attended our police station to inform us that, he was at his house which is located in [REDACTED] area, along with Muhammed Abdul-Ritha Salim when a group of allied forces "British" at 11-30 at night raided his house, inspected it and shot his guest Muhammed Abdul-Ritha Salim, and have asked us to make a record of the information given.

Signature of the investigation officer

Informants witness statement

Mahmud Zabun

Who lives in [REDACTED] Witnessed as following,

On 5/6-11-2013 at 11-30 at night a group of allied forces "British" in a very shocking and unexpected manner broke into my property, breaking the outside and inside door. One of the soldiers shot Muhammed who is my relative as well as my brother in-law whom was a guest in our house at the time. He was wounded and taken to the hospital, please record the information I gave. Also, for your information, the British forces inspected my house found nothing illegal then apologised to me and told me that the raid was through false allegations. I want to make a complaint and also a claim for compensation.

Al-Maaqal Court

10-11-2003

Informant's statement,

Occupation: Lawyer

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Witnessed as follows:

On 5/6-11-2003 at 11-30 at night I was at home with my wife and our guest Muhammed Abdul-ritha Salim. Suddenly, my house was raided by a massive group of British forces, they broke into my property breaking the outside and the inside door entering in a very bad and unexpected manner. One of the soldiers opened fire and shot Muhammed Abdul-ritha Salim in his belly injuring him, the whole house was inspected and turned upside down, messed up everything, damaged my furniture, broke one of the bedroom door upstairs, found nothing illegal, after that, they conveyed the injured to Al-Jubaila Military hospital. Then they apologised to me saying that it was a mistake and that the raid was based on false allegations. On 7-11-2003 Muhammed Abdul-ritha Salim died of his injuries, I want to make a complaint against the person who gave wrong information to the British forces and also against the group of soldiers who raided my house. I also want to make a claim for compensation as the deceased was married with three children, and was a teacher in Basra educational directorate.

Signed by the judge

Signed by the informant

Al-Maaqal Police station

12-11-2003

Witness statement of:

████████████████████

Age: █ years old

Occupation: ██████████

Address: ████████████████████

Witnessed as follows:

My house is opposite to Mahmud Zabun's house, on 5/6-11-2003 at about 11-30 at night a group of British forces raided Mahmud Zabun's house, we heard a sound of a bullet fired then afterwards realised that one of the soldiers had shot Muhammed Abdul-ritha Salim who is Mahmud Zabun's brother-in-law, then he was taken to the Al-Jubaila Military hospital, I knew then that the British forces had apologised saying that the raid was by mistake and that it was based on false allegations. I witnessed the group of soldiers who raided the house, and heard the sound of the bullet and saw when the injured was conveyed to the hospital. Then I knew that he died from his injuries after two days in the hospital.

Signature of the investigator

Signature of the witness

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Al-Maaqal police Station

12-11-2003

Witness statement of:

Ahmed Ibrahim Sanuh:

Age: [REDACTED] years old

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Stated as follows:

On 5/6-11-2003 I was in my relatives house Mahmud Zabun as a guest, we were sitting down having our dinner when at about 11-30 a sudden raid without any prior notice or knock on the door by the British forces happened to the house. One of the soldiers opened fire randomly inside the house injuring Muhammed Abdul-ritha Salim. After that, we were told that the raid was by mistake and that it is not the house they intended to raid and that they had false allegations. Then the injured was conveyed to the AlJubaila Military hospital. After two days Muhammed died of his injuries at the hospital.

Signature of the investigation officer

Signature of witness
Ahmed Ibrahim Sanuh

Al-Maaqal Court
25-11-2007

Witness statement of:

Ahme Ibrahim Sanuh,

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Stated as follows,

On 5-11-2003 at about 11-30 at night I was a guest at the house of the Lawyer Mahmud Zabun when we were shocked to see a group of British soldiers broke into the property breaking the outside and the inside door raiding the house. One of the soldiers opened fire randomly inside the house injuring Muhammed Abdul-ritha Salim with a bullet to his belly then he was taken to the hospital and died afterwards from his injuries. At the entrance of the British forces we were sitting normally having our dinner. Then they told us that the raid was by mistake and that it wasn't the house they intended. Then they conveyed the injured to Al-jubaila hospital where he died after two days from his injuries.

The Judge

25-11-2007

Witness's signature

22-11-2007

Witness statement by:

Fatima Zanub Dahash

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Stated as follows:

On 5-11-2003 at about 11-30 at night I was at home when told that my husband Muhammed Abdul-ritha Salim was injured by the British forces while he was at my brother's house Mahmud Zabun in [REDACTED] area. He was then taken to Al-Jubaila hospital where he died on 7-11-2003 two days after from his injuries. Please provide me with a copy of my statement and send one to the main police head office in Basra.

Date: 22-11-2007

Al-Maaqal Police Station

22-11-2007

To the Judge

Fatima Zabun Dahash's statement has been recorded in regards to the death of her husband
Muhammed Abdul-ritha Salim.

Awaiting your decision on this matter

22-1-2007

Police officer

- 1- Fatima Zabun Dahash's statement has been recorded, please send a copy to
- 2- Basra head of council.
- 3- To be looked at by the Deputy General.

Stamped and dated

By Al-Maaqal Court

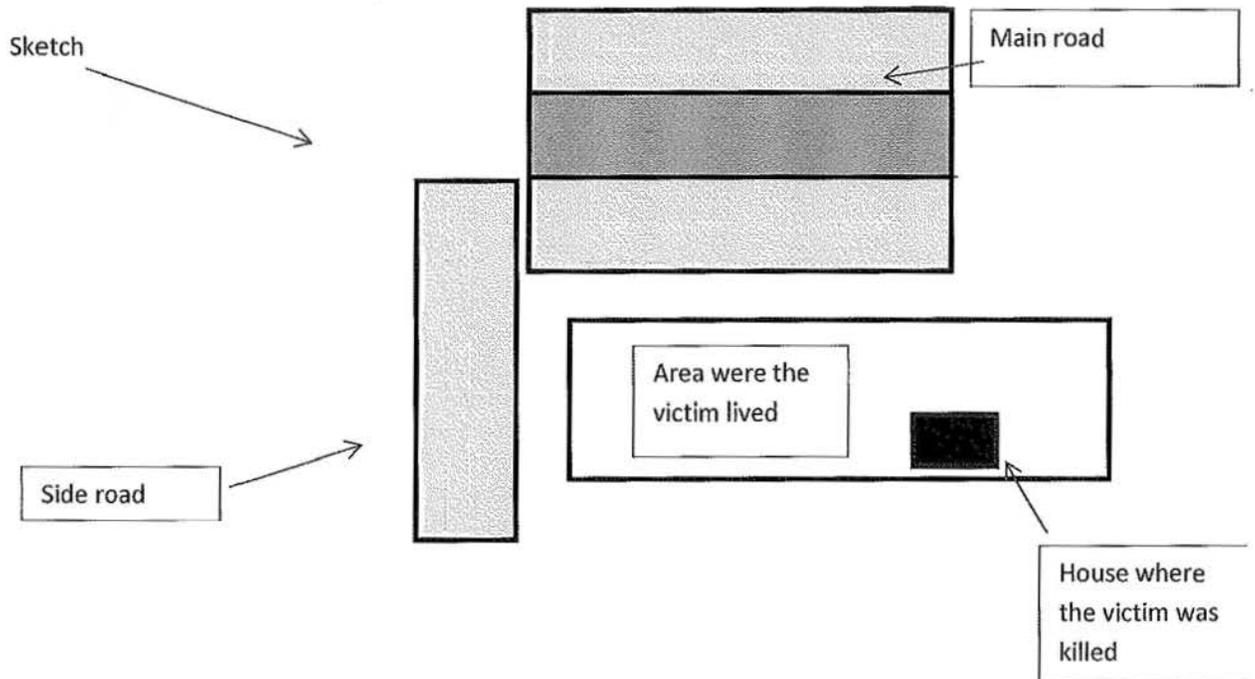
22-11-2007

Al-Maaqal Police Station

4-11-2003

A search was carried out on the location where the incident took place and the victim killed.

- 1- The incident took place in [REDACTED] area 2 kilo meter's away from the south.
- 2- Location, Muhamad Zabun's house.
- 3- Witnessed the damages to the house where the victim was killed
- 4- Also, witnessed broken doors inside "wooden door" due to the intense attack and the door for one of the bedrooms upstairs



Al-Maaqal Police station

10-11-2013

To the Attorney General

Your decision and the decision of the chairman on 6-11-2003

- 1- A search was carried out on the location where the incident took place, along with a sketch of the area, all put together in one file.
- 2- We will refer the informant to you in order for you to take his statement.
- 3- We couldn't take the injured statement due to his death.

Your decision please

Signature: police officer

The chairman

Statement to be taken from the above mentioned name and enclose death certificate along with all the medical reports by Al-jubaila military hospital and open an inquiry to investigate the false allegations in accordance with article number 243, and get into contact with the Allied forces to get the name of the person who gave them wrong information also to provide them with all the necessary documentation for purposes of review and continuation of the investigation.

Officer

- 1- Statement was taken from (not clear) and put together with other documents.
- 2- Communicated with the Allied forces in-order to get the name of the person who gave them wrong information in which it lead to the incident.

Al-Maaqal Police station

8-11-2003

The body of the deceased was searched

- 1- He had a stripy dishdash on (a traditional Arab dress).
- 2- He was on a bed at Al-jubaila military hospital.
- 3- Witnessed his injury, a shot on the right side of his belly.
- 4- Witnessed the damages on his belly.
- 5- It will be looked at again during the investigation

Signature: investigation officer

Al-Maaqal Police Station

Serial number: 2448

Date: 17-11-2003

To the main head quarter of the British forces in Basra

Subject/ killing incident

On 5-6-11-2003 at 11-30 at night, Mahmud Zabun Dahash's house which is located in [REDACTED] area exposed to a raid by the British forces where one of the soldiers opened fire on a victim Muhammed Abdul-ritha Salim, in which it lead to his death. A statement by the above mentioned name shows that the raid was based on false allegations, we have been asked by the judge to get into contact with you in-order to get the name of the person who gave you the wrong information.

Signature of the Major

[REDACTED]

A copy to be sent to the main head quarter of the British forces

17-11-2003