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Proceeding

Statement of the witness laad Salem Hanoon Khudheir born 1980, freelance worker living in Basra, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. He states as follows:

On 8/5/2003 I headed with Ahmad Jabbaar Kareem from my home to Saad Square looking for work. Upon our arrival at Saad Square we saw a British patrol on a tank and we hid ourselves in a store. I did not know whose it was. We feared for our lives that we might get fired at. The patrol dismounted and arrested us even though we were not then in possession of any of the things that belonged to those stores. They moved us to Basra General Hospital conducive to transporting us in a British armoured vehicle to Al-Zubair Road. We were dropped near Al-Zubair bridge and ordered to swim in Shatt Al-Basra which I did and so did Ahmad Jabbaar Kareem but as we got into deep water Ahmad Jabbaar was not able to swim and he drowned and I did not find him while struggling to save myself from drowning where I was in the water. Then the patrol left the site of the incident and on the next day I informed his father of what happened and this is my statement.

signed

witness

laad Salem Hanoon

signed

first lieutenant

Investigation officer

stamp of police station