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Witness Name: Said Abdul Razak Mahdi

Statement No.: 1

Exhibits: Attachment 1 and Attachment 2

Dated: 12/08/2014

**In the matter of an investigation into the death of
Hassan Abbas Said**

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
SAID ABDUL RAZAK MAHDI
Licensed in Medicine**

I, Said Abdul Razak Mahdi, state as follows:

1. I am making this statement for the purposes of the investigation in the death of Hassan Abbas Said.
2. I was born in [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and currently work as a forensic physician in Basra.
3. In August 2003, I had been the head of the Forensic Medicine Unit in Basra for 27 years. My medical qualifications are as follows:
 - a) Medical Licence – University of Baghdad, 1974.
 - b) Certificate in forensic medicine – Forensic Medicine College, Baghdad, 1976.
4. While practising for many years as a forensic physician, I came across thousands of cases since I had to perform post mortem examinations of deaths caused by gunshots. That included work in both Gulf Wars.

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5. While writing this statement, I reviewed the autopsy report attached herewith (Attachment 1) no. 205 dated 6 August 2003 and signed by myself. I also looked at the death certificate of the said deceased attached herewith as (Attachment 2).
6. At about 0900 on Sunday 3 August 2003, I received the dead body of Mr. Hassan Abbas Said. It came from Al Deir Police who recognised the body and the only address provided for Mr Hassan Abbas Said was Al Deir, Iraq.
7. I confirmed the death at 0135 after midnight on 3 August 2003, according to what was mentioned in the (illegible) of the deceased indicated in the autopsy report above. There was no record confirming the death before then.
8. I carried out an external physical examination of the body and found out the following: wound caused by a single bullet entry in the right hand side of the lower back measuring 5mm – 6mm.
9. There were no other apparent injuries. The report by Al Deir Police who asked me to do a post mortem exam (meaning autopsy) pointed out that Mr. Hassan Abbas Said had a gunshot injury in the back, and this is in line with the injury I saw. Thereupon, I performed a post mortem exam (meaning autopsy) and included my findings in my report no. 205 dated 6 August 2003.
10. I can say, however, that the actual cause of death is as follows:

(a) The bullet entered the lower-back area. It hit and tore the vertebra 1, 2, 3 causing haemorrhage (backside membranes). A part of the bullet also caused damage to the left lung and haemorrhage in the cavity of the chest.

(b) There was haemorrhage resulting from the damage I described, upon bullet entry into the body.

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11. Upon performing the post mortem examination (meaning autopsy), I removed four metal parts from the body: three from the abdomen cavity and one from the left lung.

12. At the end of the post mortem examination (meaning autopsy), I placed the four metal parts which are parts of a broken up bullet in a glass container and then wrote my autopsy report (number 205) keeping the report and the metal parts in my custody until Saturday 9 August 2003 when I handed them over to an Al Deir police officer named Ali Najm.

Allah is witness to what I am saying.

All the facts mentioned in this statement are true and this is my witness statement.

(Signed)

Dated: 12/8/2014

The signing took place in the presence of the witness:

Signature: (signed)

Name: Ali Sabri Wadi

Address: [REDACTED]

date: 12/8/2014

Witness Name: Said Abdul Razak Mahdi

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The Republic of Iraq

Ministry of Health
Basra Health Department/(illegible)
Forensic Medicine Unit in Basra
Issue: 422
Date: 31/12/2003

To - Al Deir Police Station
Photocopy
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Your letter No. 1100 dated 28/12/2003

We enclose herewith a photocopy of the autopsy report of Hassan Abbas Said No. 205 dated 6/8/2003 by hand via your employee (illegible) Kaiser Abbas Said.

Regards,

Dr. Said Abdul Razak Mahdi
Director, Forensic Medicine Unit in Basra

Photocopy

The Republic of Iraq

(illegible)

Photocopy
6/8/2003
(illegible)

205

Al Deir Police Station

I am the undersigned Said Abdul Razak Mahdi have performed the autopsy on the body of the deceased Hassan Abbas Said (illegible) autopsy application form (illegible) No 74 dated 3/8/2003 on the date of 3/5/2003 at 100 (illegible). The result was as follows:

Diagnostic description of the body:

Sex: Male
Height: 180 cm
Build: Medium
Skin colour: Brown
Hair colour: Black
Eyes: Black

(illegible)

Description of dress: Grey trousers, blue dress, blue underwear

(illegible)

External damage

Bullet entry (illegible) 5x6 mm long, no exit found.

No trace of any bullet powder could be seen.

Cross cut sewn in the middle of the abdomen 30 cm long caused for the purposes of open abdomen surgery.

Cross cut in left side of the abdomen 2 cm long caused for treatment purposes.

Human anatomy diagram

Important details:

1. The examining physician's observations and the test results conducted by others are to be filled in the appropriate spaces of the form and the report should be issued together with a copy or photocopy of the poison examination while the other tests are to be attached if necessary or noted down in the report.
2. All internal parts in poisoning incidents are to be sent in clean glass containers to the directorate of the chemical institute in Baghdad with sufficient alcoholic quantity added on the basis that this substance should not be used in incidents of alcoholic or phosphoric poisoning (illegible) physiological salt solution on the internal parts in such events.

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Human anatomy diagram

Hand-drawn pencil line with the words BULLET ENTRY

3. The poison examination application is to be attached with a copy of the autopsy report together with whatever can be obtained of details regarding the circumstances of the case for use by the chemical examiner.

4. (illegible)

5. Some internal parts of adults must be weighed and measured:
The heart 250-300 g, right lung 260-750 g, left lung (illegible) g, liver 1500-1800 g (illegible)

(illegible)

(illegible)

(illegible):

normal

(illegible) and its base:

no trace of breakage

brain meninx:

pale

facial bones and teeth:

no trace of breakage

neck:

normal

(illegible)

front bones:

no trace of breakage

oesophagus:

normal

gland, veins, nerves (illegible): looking normal

chest cavity:

haemorrhage in the left of the chest cavity

neck and ribs:

no trace of breakage

blood vessels:

pale

lungs, pleura, chest:

rupture at bottom of the left lung, part of a bullet was found and destruction of t bottom of lung

abdominal cavity:
behind

haemorrhage under (illegible), 3 bullets parts, destruction

(illegible)

intestines:

pale

liver and (illegible):

pale

(illegible) of current kidneys bladder:pale
blood vessels: rupture in the arteria

vertebra (illegible), pelvis: fragmentation of back vertebra from 1 - 3

Upper two sides and lower two sides:no trace of breakage

Discussion

I (illegible) of the deceased Hassan Abbas and found that he was admitted into Basra Al Ta'leem Hospital on 2/8/2003 following a bullet injury in his back and that he died at 0135 after midnight on 3/8/2003 after an open abdomen surgery had been performed on him as well as other treatments.

Findings:

1. Autopsy indications which appeared on the body of Hassan Abbas showed that he was injured by a fired bullet which caused him fractures, ruptures and bleeding as described above which led to his death.
2. Number of injuries: one injury.
3. Distance of shooting: no traces of gunpowder was found around the injury i.e. no indication found that the bullet was shot from a near distance.
4. Direction of shooting: from behind to front, from right to left and upwards.

Notes:

1. Please find attached a body diagram which shows the place of injury.
2. We send you by hand via your representative (Lieutenant Ali Najm Abeed) four pieces of the smashed bullet found in the body.

Name and signature of examiner:

Dr. Said Abdul Razak Mahdi
Manager of Forensic Medicine Unit

Photocopy of Hassan Abbas death certificate in Arabic (translated above)

(The following is identical to the original document; copied here for accuracy reasons-- translator)

Republic of Iraq
Ministry of Health
Health and Life Statistics Department

Death Certificate

T1
Number: 452757
Date: 03/08/2003

Details of the deceased:

Name: Hassan
Gender: Male
Nationality: Iraqi
Religion: Muslim
Occupation: /

Marital status: Single
Date of birth: 1980
Place of birth: Basra
Address:
Town:
City: Basra

Date of death: 03/08/2003
Place of death: Al Ta'leemi Hospital, Basra

Name of father: Abbas Said
Name of mother: Hashmya Abayed
Name of reporter: Al Dair Police Centre
Relationship with deceased: investigation authority
Address of reporter: Al Dair, Basra

Medical Death Report:

Reason of death: /

Forensic Medical Report to be filed and signed by forensic doctor:

I, signatory below: Dr. Said Abdul Razak, of Al-Taleemi Hospital, have performed an autopsy examination on the body of Hassan Abbas Said, which was referred to us by Al Dair Police Centre with form number 74 dated 03/08/2003. I have found out that the reason for death was fractures, ruptures and bleeding in [illegible]

Signature of Doctor: Signed
Hospital: Al Taleemi Hospital

Civil Status Registry Details:

File Number: /

Page: /

City: /

Number of ID: /

This death has been registered by the Health Authority in Basra under serial number.....
In the name of Allah the compassionate, the merciful

The Republic of Iraq
Supreme Judicial Council
Presidency of Appeal Courts

Court of Personnel Affairs
Register No:
Date:

Sharia (Legal) Allotment

(illegible) Personnel Affairs Judge in (illegible) Mr. (illegible) decided to register the following:

Based on the statement submitted by the allotment applicant dated (illegible) and the letter of Income Tax Department No (illegible) dated (illegible) death certificate No (illegible) issued on (illegible) by (illegible) Municipal confirmation of the place of death No (illegible) and the statements of two signed witnesses who are (illegible)

The court has proof of the death of (illegible) date (illegible) whose legal inheritance is restricted to each of the following: -

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|-----|-------------|----|
| 1 - | (illegible) | 5- |
| 2- | | 6- |
| 3- | | 7- |
| 4- | | 8- |

There is no inheritor other than has been mentioned, therefore the issue of inheritance is valid from (illegible)

Based on the request of (illegible) this legal allotment has been made out on (illegible)

Respective officer signed (illegible)

Witness Name: Said Abdul Razak Mahdi

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