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Witness Name: Hassan Barka Al Efta Al Ahmar

Statement No.: 1

Exhibits:

Dated: 08/08/2014

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

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
HASSAN BARKA AL EFTA AL AHMAR**

I, Hassan Barka Al Efta Al Ahmar, state as follows:

1. I am making this statement for the purposes of the investigation in the death of Hassan Abbas Said.
2. I live in the Shafya area of Basra and knew Hassan for twenty years as we had been friends. We were neighbours living close to one another.
3. On 2 August 2003, I was in my house at around 1700 hours when I heard one single shot. I got out of the door of our house and saw Hassan running. Behind him was a British soldier. The shot I heard came from the direction of the school. The soldier who was running after Hassan was white, red-faced and 180 cm tall. When Hassan entered the garden of house the first white British soldiers entered after him while the second soldier, who was dark skinned, followed. I saw both soldiers hitting Hassan with their hands. The first soldier drew a metal stick and was bent on beating Hassan with it. He beat him on his face, arms, and leg. After that Hassan fell on the ground and tried to stand up. In the meantime, the soldiers tried to hand-cuff him but Hassan resisted while the dark-skinned soldier replaced the magazine of his rifle with another. Hassan turned looking frightened when the soldier fired hitting him in the right-hand side of his back. Then the two soldiers stood by the door

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of the garden until British vehicles arrived and they put him in the vehicle. Then I went back home.

4. During the event I was standing in the garden of the house 3 metres away and was seeing the incident clearly without any obstacle preventing me from seeing it. Some children came then and I do not know who they were exactly.
5. I saw the incident myself and no one told me about it.
6. Hassan was wearing a white shirt and he was not armed.

Allah is witness to what I am saying.

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

(Signed)

Hassan Barka Lafta Al Ahmar

Born in [REDACTED], 1983, ID No. [REDACTED], Nashwa, Basra

Dated: 8/8/2014

This statement has been witnessed and signed by Ali Sabri Wadee.

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Address: [REDACTED]

Dated: 8/8/2014