

# **In the matter of an investigation into the death of Mr Muhammad Salim**

Inspector – Sir George Newman

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## **RULING REGARDING RYAN JONES**

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I have received a communication from Zainab Al Qurnawi the lawyer advising and assisting the family of the deceased. It is in effect, an application that I should call a witness, one Ryan Jones, at the forthcoming hearings scheduled for the 27, 30 November and 1 December. The request is somewhat unusual in that she has requested that I should call him because he is a “principal witness” when he has stated that he was not present at the incident under investigation. On his account he is not a witness but reliance is placed on the suggestions of others that he was present.

A number of points have been raised in support of the request that he should be called. For the present I shall make no comment on the tenor of the submissions because it seems to me that what is being said is that he is deliberately avoiding giving evidence because he cannot support the evidence of soldiers who were present.

It is clear that the need for his attendance is felt most strongly. I shall make arrangements for him to be available so that I can put to him the suggestion that he is deliberately avoiding saying he was there in order to avoid giving evidence conflicting with the true course of events and in order to cover up for his colleagues.

Sir George Newman

24 November 2015