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A BASRA WOMAN TELLS OF HER WOES

On the tenth of April of this year my son Ali Salaam Abdel Hussain al-Rikabi was martyred by bullets of the British forces in al-Muhandiseen neighbourhood in Basra while he was walking in the street. I put a complaint through to the British forces at Basra international Airport but I received no justice. I also approached the Directorate of Assistance for Families of Martyrs but they only took the name down as they have no instructions to pay retirement pensions for martyrs after 2003. And I ask you: why don't they give the families of martyrs what they are due? What excuse is that, especially when foreign forces shoot indiscriminately and do not differentiate between young and old? He was my bread winner and worked in a car wash garage in the same neighbourhood where the indiscriminate shooting happened. I ask the proper authorities to give him a retirement pension and include him the roll call of martyr. Thank you.

Citizen Widad Mohamed Shakir

To the deputy Governor,

For your kind perusal to refer the matter to the appropriate department (Martyrs Families Unit) and inform the Governor to enable the martyr to benefit from martyr privileges as per the regulations in vigour. Respectfully,

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Director of Communications

She should approach the Compensations Division in the Governorate of Basra

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Deputy Governor