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A report in regards to the shooting of Mr Muhammed Abdul-ritha Salim

The circumstances which led to the shooting of the above mentioned name is as follows,

An unknown person came to the gate of Shiruki camp and informed the British forces that he had seen about 10 armed persons with rifles and bombs and that seven of them had entered a house later known to us as Mahmud zabun's house.

Because of the threat, the British forces insisted into entering the house to disarm, arrest and detain them due to the danger they may have caused, which was the reason why a sudden raid to the house happened. Sadly, as Muhammed Abdul-ritha was coming down the stairs came face to face with a British soldier who wrongly thought he was in danger which made him shoot Mr Muhammed in his stomach.

The British forces then conveyed the injured to the Al-jiki hospital where he had an operation, then sadly, died of his injuries.

It is so sad what happened led to the death of Mr Muhammed Abdul-ritha.

We express our deepest condolences to his family.

Base, S, G Commanding officer