

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

Inspector – Sir George Newman

PROCEDURAL PRACTICE NOTE

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Currently, once seized of an investigation and notice has been given to PIL of that event, the IFI commences its search for military witnesses identified from the written record. At the point that the military evidence has advanced the investigation and the need for oral hearings has crystallized, contact has been made with the lawyer for the family of the deceased for statements and investigations to be commenced in Iraq.

It seems clear to me that this process can give rise to the lawyer for the family in Iraq not being as well informed of the process and direction of events in the United Kingdom as he or she could be and thus shortly before any oral hearing receiving a great deal of information which requires analysis.

In future the IFI should endeavour as the inquiries in the UK progress to inform the lawyer in Iraq of the lines of inquiry and the character (if not the identity) of witnesses being interviewed and generally to be kept more informed of the progress of the investigation. For obvious reasons, until statements have been finalised the evidence will not be disclosed but it may well be possible for the direction and headings of the investigations to be clarified in a way which will be of value to those in Iraq.

Sir George Newman