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Name of Witness: **Fatima Rahdi Na'ama**

Statement Number: 1

Date: 15 March 2023

Investigation regarding the death of Rahdi Na'ama

Witness Statement Fatima Rahdi Na'ama

I, Fatima Rahdi Nehme, would like to state the following:

a) Background:

1. I am Fatima Rahdi Na'ama, the daughter of Rahdi Na'ama, and I was 20 years old at the time of the incident. At that time, I was living with my father, mother and my siblings; Mohammed (25 years), Kazem (18 years), Saad (13 years), and my sister Afaf (26 years) and her husband (Wathiq Hassan) and her three children; Wessam and Zahraa and Zainab. We were all living in the same house located in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
2. My father, Rahdi Na'ama, was born in 1948 and was 55 years old at the time of the incident. He was working as a taxi driver and his address is above mentioned: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
3. My father did not have any political history, affiliation or criminal record and he was a former soldier in the Iraqi army and was hurt in his right hand during the Iran-Iraq War. He was discharged from the army for medical reasons due to this injury.
4. My father was not suffering from any diseases at the time of his death and he was healthy, except for a little weakness in the movement of his right hand because of his injury in this hand during the Iran-Iraq War as abovementioned.
5. My father knew some English words.

b) May 08, 2033 - Inspection:

6. On the day of the incident, on 08-05-2003 morning, I, my sister Afaf and her three children were in our house located in [REDACTED]. My father was outside bringing us breakfast and suddenly British military forces broke into our house in a terrifying manner. I do not remember the number of soldiers. The soldiers locked me and my sister Afaf and the children in the reception room (living room) and then they inspected the house. The voices of the soldiers were loud and I did not understand what were they saying because they were talking in a foreign language. Whenever I would try to step forward and get out of the reception room to see what was happening, the soldier standing at the door of the reception room would not allow me to do so. There were a number of soldiers gathering in the hall. During my attempts to step forward and get out of the reception room to see what was happening, the soldier standing at the door was

pushing me to go back and preventing me from getting out. However, I could catch a glimpse of what was happening in the hall area where the soldiers were gathering. As far as I remember, my father was not in the house when the British soldiers broke into our house. However, he arrived thereafter. I also remember that I heard my father saying some words to the soldiers, but I did not understand anything except the name of my brother Mohammed. During all this time I kept attempting to step forward to see what was happening in the hall area where my father and the soldiers were standing. During these attempts, I saw a female soldier screaming loudly at my father and then she hit him. After that, I repeated my attempts to see what was happening to my father and I saw him sitting on the floor in a squat position with his hands behind his back. At that time, I was crying and very scared and so was my sister Afaf and her young children. I did not hear my father's voice after I saw him lying on the floor, but I heard the sound of the soldiers screaming at each other. Our house was overlooking the main street and the reception room, where we were locked up, had a window overlooking the street. Through the said window, I saw my father with a bag on his head and his hands tied behind his back as the soldiers were taking him out of the house. Since my father's hands were tied and there was a bag on his head, the soldiers carried my father and threw him into one of the armored vehicles accompanying the forces that broke into our house and were waiting outside our house. The soldiers then left our house in their armored vehicles.

7. I would like to add the following:

- a) Yes, as mentioned above, my father was abused and treated with violence as the female soldier hit him in front of us. In addition, the soldiers tied his hands with a zip tie and one of them put his foot on my father's back in order to prevent him from moving. They also covered my father's head with a bag.
- b) Yes, my father's head was covered with a bag as above-mentioned.
- c) Yes, as above-mentioned, I saw the female soldier hitting my father. I also saw my father sitting on the floor in a squat position with his back facing the wall and his hands on his head. After that, I saw my father lying on the floor with his hands behind his back.
- d) Yes, my father's hands were tied, as above-mentioned.
- e) Nobody told me anything because I stayed in the house. My sister Afaf, and her husband, who searched for my father and received his corpse from the hospital after that, told me everything I knew regarding what happened to my father after the soldiers took him from our house.

c) After the inspection:

8. Except for what I have mentioned above regarding the day of the incident, I do not remember the other details (i.e. what happened after the day of the incident). Everything that I mentioned in my previous statement in 2003 and 2014 is correct. I just want to rectify one piece of information namely that I did not go with my sister Afaf and her husband to the hospital (i.e. after my family received the letter sent by the British forces telling us that my father had a heart attack while he was being interrogated by the British forces, which my sister Afaf told me about). I also did not see my father's corpse and what I said in this regard in my previous statement was based on what my sister Afaf and her husband, who saw my father's corpse, told me. Maybe I did not understand the questions I was asked at that time because I cannot

read or write and I was shocked by the incident, so I want to rectify any misunderstanding in this regard through this statement.

9. Kindly refer to my answer in Paragraph (8) above.

d) Death of Rahdi Na'ama:

10. Kindly refer to my answer in Paragraph (8) above.

e) Dealing with the British army forces and the British police forces:

11. Kindly refer to my answer in Paragraph (8-1) above.

12. Kindly refer to my answer in Paragraph (8-1) above.

13. Kindly refer to my answer in Paragraph (8-1) above.

f) Impact of death of Rahdi Na'ama:

14. The arrest and murder of my father by the British forces had a deep impact on my psychological condition and my whole life, from the day of the incident to date in an indescribable manner. I was in great pain and shock. The effects of what happened to my father and my family still haunt me and I am still suffering from these effects to date. These effects have also caused my marriage to fail.

This is the truth.

I acknowledge that the facts mentioned in this statement are true.

Name: **Fatima Rahdi Na'ama**

Signature: [SIGNED]

Date: 15 March 2023