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Your Reference

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Date
17 April 2008

Dear Sirs,

COMPENSATION CLAIM No 2963
ALI SADAM ABDUL HASAN (DECEASED) - INCIDENT DATE 10 APRIL 2007

I refer to your letter dated 17 January 2008 appealing against the decision not to award financial compensation following the death of your client's son, Ali Sadam Abdul Hasan, on 10 April 2007. I have thoroughly reviewed that decision in my capacity as the Ministry of Defence's Chief Claims Officer.

May I take this opportunity to offer Mr Salam Abdul Hasan Nasir my sincere condolences for his very tragic loss and I apologise for not responding sooner.

British Government policy states that compensation payments will only be made when a claimant has evidence that the action taken by British Forces was unreasonable and disproportionate. My findings confirm that while a substantial amount of ammunition was expended during the engagement on 10 April 2007, the shots were not fired randomly as you suggest, but were all aimed at clearly identified targets in self defence and in accordance with our Rules of Engagement. The investigation papers provided by al-Qeblah Police confirm my view that there is no reason to suggest that the deaths in this unfortunate incident were anything other than accidental.

I regret to inform you, therefore, that I have not discovered any further information which would lead me to overturn the decision made by my staff to reject your client's claim for compensation.

Yours faithfully,

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