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A Report by Complainants Fatima Zabun Dahish and Mahmud Zabun Dahish

Demonstrating some of the facts of the incident

1- The force that raided the house claimed that they were told by an informant who had been to their base and had given them false information without showing or telling us the informant's identity or his address. The informant took advantage of the weakness of the British intelligence, exploiting the simplicity and easiness of convincing them to raid and insult houses and their residents in Iraq.

2- Knowingly, that same night someone threatened us and told us that he will retaliate on us, we gave the name and address of that person to the British forces and they accompanied us to their house, but neither arrested nor investigated with him and no actions were taken against him despite the fact that a person got killed that night, but it was never taken seriously by the British forces it seemed that they were really fooled by that person.

3- As part of our tradition as Muslims, during Ramathan time we get visitors and visit relatives during the night time, it happened that night we were visited by Muhammed Abdul-Ritha, who is my brother-in low, along with my nephew Ahmed Ibrahim Sanuh, we were sitting, enjoying our time and eating fruit.

4- I would like to give a brief idea about Muhammad Abdul-ritha's personality. He was a very kind person, teacher at one of the high occupational schools, well known and respected by people in Basra, at the time of his death, all the schools in Basra city along with the head of Education office and the governor of Basra demonstrated against the British forces and was buried by a huge crowd and presence of people in Basra city, in which the British forces felt intimidated by it. They can ask Head of education office at the time in Basra about Muhammad Abdul-ritha Salim, to know about his personality and what sort of person he was, he was never loyal to the Baath rejim in Iraq very much committed to the upbringing of his children to the best way he could and the only supportive to them financially, I will enclose the telephone number of the Head of education office at the time in Basra city, who led the biggest demonstration against the British forces because of the killing of Muhammed Abdul-ritha Salim: [REDACTED]. Also, enclose the telephone number of the person who witnessed what happened (Ahmed Ibrahim Sanuh) [REDACTED], in regards to the eye witness [REDACTED]. I have not been able to meet him as I have moved out of that area, I have visited the old area where the incident took place to try and see if I could find him, but was told he's moved as well because of the security situation.

5- What makes us insist on this claim and also the claim for compensation is the following reasons:

1. The person whose father was well known to his loyalty for the past rejim and his resistance to the British forces at the time was able to fool them so easily they raided my house just because someone gave them some false information.
2. The force who raided the house did not retain the informants details despite the fact that they said that he went to their base when gave information.
3. The force did not follow a lawful method before raiding the house, such as, monitoring, surrounding the house or calling people in the area to gain information about us instead of breaking into the property by damaging the outside door with a tank and the inside door by kicking with their boots and entering without any prior notice or respect to the people in the house which belongs to a lawyer who's been in service for 45 years.
4. Killing an innocent person without any justification and shooting him in a sensitive area in his body despite of that, without coming to his rescue by taking him to their hospital or a close one in the right time, but was left to bleed on the stairs in front of their eyes with no mercy.
5. The British soldier who killed Muhammed Abdul-ritha Salim, killed him of two probabilities, either because he was a cowered frightened of a normal defenseless person or a cold blooded killing feeling no value of the person he killed.

As the force and the killer belong to the British government, hence, it is responsible for their actions.

With appreciation,
Claimants,
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