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Statement regarding the shooting of Mohammed Abdulridha Salem

The circumstances that led to the unfortunate shooting of the mentioned person were as follows:

- An unknown civilian came to the gate of the camp Cherokee and told the British forces that he saw about ten men armed with guns and RBJ/7 entered a house that was identified later to be the house of Mr. Mohammed Zaboun.
- Fearing the threat, The British forces decided to enter the house to secure disarming the mentioned men and detaining them and fearing the possible dangers, they conducted a sudden entry to the house. And at that moment, Mr. Mohammed Abdulridha came down the stairs and it is unfortunate that when Mr. Mohammed Abdulridha was walking down the stairs, he encountered a British soldier coming from the opposite direction. This soldier mistakenly thought that he is in danger and opened a round of fire at Mr. Mohammed Abdulridha hitting him in his stomach.
- The British forces took Mr. Mohammed Abdulridha to the Czech hospital where he had an operation but unfortunately and very sadly he passed away after that

It was clear that the British forces were misled deliberately in this regard and it is very unfortunate that this incident led to the death of Mr. Mohammed Abdulridha Salem.

We offer our pity and deep condolences to his family.

Signed by

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