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Witness Name: Issa Abdol Sadah Salas

Statement No.: 1

Exhibits:

Dated: 13/08/2014

**In the matter of an investigation into the death of
Nadheem Abdullah**

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF
ISSA ABDOL SADAH SALAS**

I, Issa Abdol Sadah Salas, will say as follows:-

1. I am making this statement for the purposes of the investigation into the death of Nadheem Abdullah Manea in which I point out what I remember of the event.
2. I am an Iraqi citizen born in Maysaan, [REDACTED] in 1973 and bear a civilian identity card number [REDACTED] issued by the Personnel Department at Qalat Saleh.
3. In May 2003 I was living in Al Firqa village near Al Ezz river. I knew Nadheem as he was from my tribe.
4. At the time of the incident in the afternoon of 11 May 2003 (I do not remember the time exactly) there were British army patrols in the area looking for stolen cars. I saw a military vehicle going in the direction of Al Ezz river and a civilian car coming from Al Ezz river. It was a civilian pick-up car which saw the military patrol.

(signed)

5. Some of the passengers of the civilian car stepped down and the car continued its way towards our house. Then I saw the British patrol coming towards us. One of the two British cars stopped in front of the civilian car to prevent it from moving on while the other stopped behind it.
6. Athar Finjan Saddam (the brother of my wife Dalal Finjan Saddam) was driving the car and Nadheem Abdullah Manea was by his side. I do not remember paying attention to other passengers in the car.
7. As Athar and Nadheem stepped out of the car, the British soldiers started beating them. They sat Nadheem on the ground where he was held by two British soldiers before a third soldier joined in holding him, standing at a distance from him while kicking him on the back. The two others beat him on the head with a butt of a rifle.
8. I went into the house with my children and did not see all that happened. However, I believe the beating continued for about ten minutes.
9. My wife ran to her brother Athar screaming. She told me that she threw herself on Athar to protect him and her jaw was injured by a rifle butt blow. The rifle belonged to one of the British soldiers. After the incident I saw that my wife's jaw was swollen and she was complaining from a broken tooth in her right jaw.
10. I did not head towards the site of the incident until after the British soldiers left. I stayed at home. After they had left I went to the site of the incident and found Athar and Nadheem on the ground unconscious. Their injury was grave.
11. I left my brother-in-law in my house and took Nadheem to his house. He was wearing a dishdasha and long underwear underneath it. His face was covered with wounds and bruises. One of his eyes was swollen and blood was coming out of his mouth. With some of the locals in the village I carried Nadheem into my car and we took him to his family in the nearby village of Al Ezz river. In the meantime, Nadheem seemed unconscious save his saying "ah, ah" when I spoke to him. His family washed his face before moving him so that he could regain his consciousness, but he continued to point to his head behind his neck. His family attempted to talk with him but he would not answer. They asked for my help to move him to Al Uzayr area for treatment and we

took him to the emergency unit of Al Uzayr's hospital. I returned to my house afterwards.

Signed

Allah is witness to what I say.

I believe the facts stated in this witness statement are true

(Signed)

Dated: 13/8/2014

The signing took place in the presence of the witness:

Signature: (signed)

Name: Ali Sabri Wadi

Address: [REDACTED]

date: 13/8/2014