

**In the matter of an investigation into the death of
Mr Ahmed Jabbar Kareem Ali**

THIRD PUBLIC STATEMENT¹ OF THE INSPECTOR, SIR GEORGE NEWMAN

27 JUNE 2016

At the public hearing held on the 18 May 2016 I heard evidence from the four soldiers involved in the immediate events which led to the death of Mr Ali. I also made plain my intention to divide my investigation into two parts and thus to make two reports. My first report into the conduct of the four soldiers is nearing completion but my investigation into what was happening at a policy level and in high command with regard to the treatment of looters in Basrah requires more time and may involve consideration of occurrences similar to those of the 8 May 2003. In order to avoid piecemeal publication, evidence which will be the subject of Part 2 of the report will not be published at this stage. Witness statements which have covered both Part 1 and Part 2 events will be published in a redacted form so as to temporarily exclude reference to Part 2 evidence. One statement already published has been taken down and it will be re-published in redacted form and at a later date will be published in its entirety.

Thank you very much.

SIR GEORGE NEWMAN

¹ See public statement dated 22nd January 2016 and transcript of the hearing on 18th May 2016 which can be found on the website.