

## **NOTICE**

### **INVITATION TO COME FORWARD TO THE AL-SWEADY INQUIRY**

The Al Sweady Inquiry is an independent public inquiry under the Inquiries Act 2005, chaired by Sir Thayne Forbes.

Sir Thayne is tasked by his Terms of Reference to investigate and report on the allegations made by the claimants in the Al- Sweady judicial review proceedings against British soldiers of (1) unlawful killing at Camp Abu Naji on 14 and 15 May 2004, and (2) the ill-treatment of five Iraqi nationals detained at Camp Abu Naji and subsequently at the divisional temporary detention facility at Shaibah Logistics Base between 14 May and 23 September 2004, and to take account of the investigations which have already taken place, and to make recommendations.

The Chairman considers it important that any individual

- a) with any knowledge relating to the Battle of Danny Boy and its immediate aftermath, or
- b) who was at Abu Naji on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May 2004, or
- c) who knows about anything that took place at Abu Naji directly relevant to the allegations made, or
- d) who was at Al Shaiba and has knowledge relevant to the allegations in the period 14 May to 23 September 2004,

comes forward to the Inquiry by contacting the Inquiry Solicitor in the first instance.

This request is irrespective of whether or not such individuals have previously provided information to any person or body in respect of the matters the subject of the terms of reference. All questions as to relevance and admissibility will be decided by the Chairman.

The Chairman wishes the Inquiry team to interview and take statements from any such individuals coming forward who are assessed as likely to be able to provide information relevant to informing his Terms of Reference and likewise from any persons who are identified by the Inquiry Team as likely to be able to provide relevant information. Interviews will take place either at the Inquiry Offices in central London or at some other convenient place.

Where considered appropriate a questionnaire may be issued in the first instance. An outline of matters to be addressed in interview will be provided in advance but will not be definitive and witnesses may raise other relevant issues. A protocol in respect of witness expenses will be made available in due course and in the meantime any questions concerning this should be addressed to the Inquiry Secretary.

This is a public inquiry and in the absence of any legal reason to the contrary, all information provided to the Inquiry is likely to be made public at some stage. Any witness who has concerns about coming forward for whatever reason is invited to discuss those concerns in the first instance with the Inquiry Solicitor.

All persons and organisations who hold any relevant documents and who wish to provide them to the Inquiry are invited to contact the Inquiry Solicitor to discuss the documents held and the best means of producing them.

Details of the procedures for providing documents and witness statements to the Inquiry will be available in due course at [www.alsweadyinquiry.org](http://www.alsweadyinquiry.org) or by contacting the Inquiry Secretary .

Issued under the Authority of the Chairman  
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