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Judicial Medical Report

Case Number: 2013/0227/3

Name of the deceased: Martyr Arafat Shaleesh Shahin Jaradat

Age: 33 years [Note – according to information obtained by Addameer and Al Haq, Arafat Jaradat was 30 years of age at the time of his death]

Address: Sae'er / Al- Khalil

ID number: 920323870

Gender: Male

Place of Death: Megiddo Prison

Date of Death: 23/02/2013

Date of Autopsy: 24/02/2013/

Time of Autopsy: 2:05PM

Place of Autopsy: National Israeli Forensic Medicine Center (Abu Kabeer)

Circumstances of Death: Vague, in one of the Israeli Occupation Jails

No. of pages: five pages

Participants in the Forensic Autopsy:

Dr. Saber Al Aloul, Specialist in Forensic Medicine/Director of the Palestinian Medico-Legal Institute/lecturer

Israeli Medical Committee which is comprised of two forensic doctors:

1 – Dr. Has Yahuda, director of the National Israeli Forensic Medicine Center (Abu Kabeer)

2 – Dr. Tozof, Israeli forensic doctor

Nurse Beery and Nurse Nir (Autopsy technician)

In the presence of Dr. Afeek, an official in the Israeli Health Ministry and Dr. Laufi, Abu Kabeer

Tests on the corpse and underlying report

- The body is 33 years old
- The corpse had good muscle structure during life

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- Height of corpse: 179cm without shoes
- Weight of corpse: 82 kg
- Clothing: Completely naked, without clothes
- Changes to the body: Rigor mortis is complete, the body has livor mortis on the back of the body.
- Presence of plastic bracelets on the right wrist and the lower right leg, written on them is the name of the deceased in Hebrew.
- Presence of all teeth, appearance is normal
- Facial hair: beard, mustache and pubic hair do not exceed 1cm and armpit hair does not exceed 2cm.
- All nails are uncut and are in regular form
- Conjunctivitis and hardening of the eyes with no bleeding spots
- Corneas of both eyes are present and in regular condition
- Presence of old scar 10cm long on the top of the left shoulder
- Anus and genital region free of any injuries
- No marks on the wrists of right and left hands
- Presence of needle marks on the left elbow for the purposes of resuscitation
- Presence of electric shock marks for the purposes of resuscitation, on the left side of the chest in a rectangular shape
- Presence of bloody fluid around the nostrils

Injuries

- Presence of excoriation (when part of the skin is removed) with recent bruising on the lower lip
- Presence of strong and excessive bruising on the upper right of the back
- Presence of circular bruises on bottom left of the breast on the front side of the chest
- Presence of bruise on the left elbow, back of the arm
- Presence of bruise mid-backside of the right upper arm
- Presence of bruises 9X4 cm on the top of the left shoulder. The bruises are under the skin inside the muscle and along the spine at the bottom of the neck deep inside the tissue.
- Presence of bruises 10x4 cm on the right side of the chest under the skin inside the muscles 27cm away from the middle line of the back and 53cm from the top of the head
- Presence of fracture in the second and third ribs on the front left side of the chest with the presence of fresh bruises around the fracture.
- Presence of a fracture in the second rib on the front right side of the chest.
 - All bruises (injuries) are very recent and strong resulting from direct intensive torture

Autopsy of the Head

- Scalp: Free from injuries
- Temple muscles on the right and left are free from any injury
- Skull bones : free of any fracture

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- Brain and its tissues : brain weighs 1,612 grams
 - Free from any injuries or bleeding
 - The Wells ring is free from any symptoms of disease

Autopsy of the neck

- Neck muscles: Free from injury
- Hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage and throat: Free of any fracture
- Upper and lower respiratory tract: Open and free of blockages
- Thyroid free of injuries and of normal size
- Arteries : Veins, arteries and nerves (Nerve X) in the neck free of injuries or signs of bleeding or traces of hemorrhagic spots.
- Tongue free of any injury

Autopsy of the chest

- Chest muscles
 - Presence of bruises in the left chest muscles between the second and third rib
 - Presence of bruises 10x4 cm on the right side of the chest beneath the skin underneath and inside the muscles, 27cm away from the middle of the back and 53cm from the head
- Ribs: Presence of fracture on the second and third rib on the front left side of the chest with the presence of fresh bruises around the fracture and in addition to this, the presence of a fracture in the second rib on the front right side
- Thoracic Cavity : Free of blood clots
- Lungs: Severely congested and edematous
 - The right lung weighs 965 grams
 - The left lung weighs 680 grams

Samples: Samples were taken:

- From the tissue: Samples from the prostate, testes, thyroid, adrenal gland, brain, lungs, heart, liver, spleen, kidneys, pancreas, and samples from muscle tissue injured with bruises to examine microscopically.
- From bodily fluids: from the blood, urine, gallbladder, stomach contents, vitreous fluids from the eye and fluid from the spinal marrow to examine in a lab to search for poisonous, harmful, microbiological, sedative fluids, if any.

Results

- Corpse is male, 33 years old. The corpse had good muscle structure during life.
- **The autopsy showed that the heart is perfectly sound and free of signs of clots (heart attacks)**
It showed the presence of several injuries described above and all of them are recent and fresh, resulting from extensive direct torture. As shown through the undigested contents of the

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stomach (food waste of rice and green beans) which proves that the death occurred after the meal of lunch by 1 or 2 hours.

- There are no apparent signs of disease in all internal parts of the heart.
- Samples were taken from bodily fluids and tissue to be examined in Israeli labs, and therefore the Israeli Medical Committee refused to announce the reason of death until the results from the Israeli labs were issued.
- **In light of forensic evidence and scientific forensic explanations, it is the opinion of the technician, as a Palestinian forensic doctor and as an expert in the field of forensic medicine, that:-**
- **THE REASON OF DEATH: nervous shock as a result of extreme pain from the intensity of the injuries described above, which resulted from multiple direct and extensive acts of torture.**

Signed

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